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# ANNUAL REPORT




For the  
Year Ending  
February 15th



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OF THE  
**MUNICIPAL**  
**OFFICERS** 

OF THE  
TOWN OF

**DIXFIELD**





Annual Report  
OF THE  
Municipal Officers  
OF THE  
Town of Dixfield  

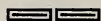
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FOR THE  
Year Ending February 15th, 1912

Holt Brothers Print Shop  
Dixfield, Maine  
1912



# **TOWN OFFICERS**



## **Clerk**

FRANK H. GILCREASE

## **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

A. M. STANLEY    ALBION HOLMAN    FRANK BROWN

## **Collector and Constable**

J. P. EDMUNDS

## **Treasurer**

JOHN S. HARLOW

## **School Committee**

WM. W. WAITE    W. S. MARBLE    GEO. A. WALTERS

## **Superintendent of Schools**

W. S. McNAMARA

## **Road Commissioners**

I. O. BABB    ALVAH WAITE

## **Board of Health**

W. M. PEASE, M. D., term expires 1912

S. G. WHEELWRIGHT, term expires 1913

J. S. STURTEVANT, M. D., term expires 1914



# REPORT OF SELECTMEN



*Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year  
ending February 15th, 1912.*

Valuation of Real Est., resident,	\$331,485	00
"                    "          non-rest.,	50,955	00
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Total Real Estate,	\$382,440	00
Personal Estate, resident,	119,131	00
"                    "          non-resident,	13,300	00
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Total Personal Est.,	\$132,431	00
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Total Real and Pers.,	\$514,871	00

## Appropriated and Assessed

For Common schools.....	\$2,000	00
School books and supplies.....	200	00
Repair of school houses.....	500	00
Permanent school fund.....	45	00
District superintendent.....	150	00
In payment of time orders due...	1,000	00
Interest on time orders.....	640	00
Town officers' salaries.....	615	00
Hydrant rental.....	300	00
Public library.....	100	00
Support of poor.....	500	00
Roads and bridges.....	3,000	00
Snow road roller.....	100	00
New road machine.....	225	00
Interest on cemetery funds.....	66	00

Interest on Rosene Cummings\$ cemetery fund .....	25 00
Miscellaneous town charges.....	500 00
Free high school .....	550 00
State road .....	400 00
Memorial day .....	25 00
State tax .....	3,153 61
County tax.....	777 11
Overlay.....	519 66

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Total commitment .....	\$15,391 38
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Number of polls, 325

Rate of poll tax, \$3.00

Rate of real estate tax, .028

Amount of poll tax.....\$ 975 00

Real and pers. est. tax..... 14,416 38

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\$15,391 38

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### Live Stock Statistics

	No.	Ave. Value	Total Value
Horses .....	258.....	\$73 31.....	\$19,015 00
Colts, 3 to 4 ys. old.....	17.....	47 94.....	815 00
Colts, 2 to 3 ys. old.....	10.....	33 00.....	330 00
Colts, under 2 ys. old.....	5.....	30 00.....	150 00
Cows .....	366.....	23 82.....	8,720 00
Oxen .....	12.....	49 16.....	590 00
Oxen, 3 ys. old.....	96.....	16 82.....	1,615 00
Oxen, 2 ys. old.....	71.....	11 71.....	832 00
Oxen, 1 yr. old.....	129.....	5 81.....	750 00
Sheep .....	257.....	3 47.....	892 00
Swine .....	152.....	5 83.....	887 00

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Total amount.....	\$34,596 00
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## All Other Kinds of Personal Property

	No.	Value
Bank stock, shares.....	125.....	\$10,000 00
Trust Co.'s stock, " .....	15.....	1,200 00
Other Co.'s " " (bridge) 53.....	4,240 00	
Money at interest.....		9,400 00
Stock in trade.....		25,967 00
Shipping .....		900 00
Logs and lumber.....		8,424 50
Carriages .....	28.....	570 00
Automobiles .....	19.....	7,900 00
Musical instruments.....	64.....	4,830 00
Materials in stock.....		12,000 00
Other property.....		12,403 50
Total amount.....		\$ 97,835 00
Amount of live stock, bro't for'd...		34,596 00
		<u>\$132,431 00</u>

## Municipal Town Officers

Balance from last year.....	\$ 1 64
Appropriation .....	615 00
Transferred from unappropriated funds.....	40 48
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	\$657 12
Paid J P Edmunds- tax col'r, 1911-'12....	\$150 00
G W Dockham, truant of'r, '11-'12...	10 00
Will S Marble, school com'tee " ...	10 00
J P Edmunds, tax collector and constable, balance, 1911-'12.....	182 82
A M Stanley, selectman, 1911-'12,	75 00
Albion Holman, " "	65 00
Frank Brown " "	60 00
Wm. W Waite, sch'l com'tee, '11-'12	10 00

Frank H Gilcrease, clerk, 1911-'12..	\$ 19 30	
John S Harlow, treasurer.....	75 00	
		<u>\$657 12</u>

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### District Superintendent

Balance from last year.....	\$ 33 75	
Appropriation .....	150 00	
		<u>\$183 75</u>
Paid W S Mc Namara .....		137 50
		<u>137 50</u>
Balance.....		\$ 46 25

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### Common Schools

Balance from last year.....	\$ 107 35	
Appropriation .....	2,000 00	
Permanent school fund.....	45 00	
School fund and mill tax.....	1,964 47	
Tuition from Percy Childs.....	30 00	
A H Hall.....	15 00	
Town of Mexico.....	125 00	
		<u>\$4,286 82</u>
Paid Teachers' wages.....	\$2,427 00	
Janitors.....	424 00	
Conveying scholars.....	414 00	
For fuel.....	287 27	
Town of Wilton.....	235 97	
		<u>\$3,788 24</u>
Balance.....		\$ 498 58

### Free High School

Balance from State last year.....	\$209 00	
Appropriation .....	550 00	
Tuition from Peru.....	160 00	
"    "    Mexico .....	35 00	
*Overdrawn.....	187 20	
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		\$1,141 20
Teachers' wages.....		1,141 20
*Due from State.....	\$500 00	
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### Laboratory

Balance from last year.....	\$152 30	
Paid L E Knott App. Co.....	\$42 00	
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		42 00
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Balance.....		\$110 30
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### School Books and Supplies

Balance from last year.....	\$104 78	
Appropriation .....	200 00	
W S Mc Namara.....	6 10	
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		\$310 88
Paid F G Wadsworth, express and 'phone...\$	3 54	
American Book Co., b'ks and supplies,	64	
Ginn & Co., books and supplies.....	4 32	
Rumford Pub. Co., vouchers.....	3 50	
Benj. H Sanborn.....	4 70	
Benj. H Sanborn.....	9 75	
Edward E Babb & Co.....	2 00	
Edward E Babb & Co.....	12 14	

D E Heath & Co.....	\$ 3 75	
F G Wadsworth, postage and 'phone..	5 25	
Ginn & Co.....	23 50	
Z W Taylor, express.....	4 35	
Oxford Printing Co.....	5 42	
J L Hammett Co.....	6 24	
Edward E Babb & Co.....	9 94	
F G Wadsworth, postage and 'phone..	9 09	
W S Mc Namara, postage and express,	2 46	
Edward E Babb & Co.....	89 70	
Z W Taylor, express.....	3 64	
Rumford Pub. Co.....	3 75	
Oxford Printing Co.....	5 40	
Ginn & Co.....	10 96	
W S Mc Namara, express and postage,	3 10	
Mary E Hutchins, books and supplies,	35	
W S Mc Namara.....	1 05	
Milton Bradley Co.....	11 10	
Z W Taylor, express.....	80	
W S Mc Namara, express.....	80	
G O Gardner, supplies.....	95	
J L Hammett Co.....	6 13	
Edward E Babb & Co.....	16 57	
Milton Bradley Co.....	11 70	
W S Mc Namara, express.....	90	
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		\$279 56
Balance.....		<hr/>
		\$ 31 32

## School Repairs

Balance from last year.....	\$110	12
Appropriation .....	500	00
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		\$610 12
Paid W S Marble, Lancaster school house, \$	3	95
Phebe M Turner, cleaning Lancaster school house.....	3	00
Wm. W Waite, box of stone.....	13	50
A H Stockbridge.....	9	21
Helen M Packard, cleaning Center school house.....	5	00
Wm. W Waite, lumber for Towle district.....	7	90
W M Andrews, cleaning Dunn dist'ct school house.....	2	00
John Towle, repairs.....	8	09
John Putnam, " .....	1	50
A H Stockbridge, hardware.....	16	43
Otis E Hall, repairs.....	7	00
A H Stockbridge, hardware.....	7	90
Clark Foundry, fire escape.....	170	00
C H Towle, hardware.....	7	93
American Seating Co.....	36	00
Geo. I Fletcher, banking Center sch'l house .....	2	00
O L Paine, freight and cartage.....	3	50
C H Towle, repairs.....	4	52
Alton Babb, sawing wood and rep'rs on Science Hill school house....	3	04
Chas. Stanley's Sons, supplies.....	1	50
Bertrand Holman, labor on Center Hill school house.....	1	00
Wm. W Waite, repairs.....	6	97
Dixfield Light & Impvt. Co., lights...	5	72
W S Mc Namara.....	1	15
Geo. I Fletcher, repairing Center Hill school house.....	2	00

C L Dillingham, hardware.....	\$ 1 16	
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		\$328 76
Balance.....		<hr/>
		\$281 36

### Sewer Repairs Account

Balance from last year.....	\$101 75	
Received from Geo. P Stanley.....	25 00	
Etta Holman.....	25 00	
M L Bishop.....	25 00	
O L Paine.....	25 00	
W C Hall, plank.....	5 00	
H A Yetten, plank.....	35	
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		\$207 10
No orders drawn.		

### Hydrant Rental

Appropriation .....		\$300 00
Paid Dixfield Village Corporation.....	\$150 00	
"                    "                    "                    .....	150 00	
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Total .....		\$300 00

### Memorial Day

Appropriation .....	\$25 00
No orders drawn.	



**Roads and Bridges**

## SUMMER WORK

Balance from last year.....	\$ 18 73	
Appropriation .....	3,000 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds in treas'y,	40 54	
	<hr/>	\$3,059 27
35 % transferred to account for winter work .....	\$1,050 00	
Orders drawn.....	2,009 27	
	<hr/>	\$3,059 27

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**Roads and Bridges**

## WINTER WORK

35 % transferred from account of summer work,	\$1,050 00	
Transferred from summer work .....	218 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,268 85
Orders drawn.....		\$1,268 85

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**State Highways**

Appropriation .....	\$400 00
No orders drawn.	

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**Miscellaneous Town Charges**

Balance from last year.....	\$ 98 29	
Appropriation .....	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$598 29
Paid Holt Bros., town reports.....	\$ 51 68	
Loring, Short & Harmon, town b'ks,	17 50	

Holt Bros., envelopes.....	\$ 1 90
E E Brown, destroying brown-tail moths .....	8 35
Wm. T Eustis, services as moderator and assisting on new valuation book .....	10 00
W H Whittemore, fighting fire on Burnt Hill.....	1 80
Chas. E Durrell, fighting fire on Burnt Hill .....	4 50
Geo. T Porter, fighting fire on Burnt Hill .....	2 25
Alvah Waite, picking moths.....	10 50
C M Morse, removing dead sheep from river.....	2 50
Geo. W Dockham, services as watch- man in preventing fire.....	2 00
Oxford Printing Co., letter heads.....	2 50
Rumford Pub. Co., advertising for bids on State roads.....	3 39
Lewiston Journal, adv. for bids on State roads.....	7 50
Geo. W Dockham, services as watch- man Aug. 8, 1911.....	2 00
Wm. W Waite, building new voting booths .....	10 15
Fred Weld, fighting fire on Burnt Hill .....	2 25
W M Andrews, sheep killed by dogs...	5 00
Valorous White, use of watering tub,	2 25
W S Marble, fighting fire on Burnt Hill .....	4 80
W S Marble, services as ballot clerk..	3 00
Geo. W Dockham, ballot clerk.....	3 00
Wm. O Babb, use of watering tub 1909-'10 .....	8 00
Holt Bros., envelopes.....	1 90
D M Torrey & Son, sheep killed by dogs.....	20 00
A M Stanley, expenses to Augusta to investigate Osie Merrill case....	8 80

Walter M Holman, sheep killed by dogs.....	\$ 8 00
Holt Bros., printing brown-tail moth circular letters.....	2 25
F W Merritt, M D, reporting births and deaths.....	3 00
V O White, M D, reporting births and deaths.....	3 00
J S Sturtevant, M D, reporting births and deaths and investigating nuisance cases.....	7 75
J S Sturtevant, M D, board of health,	5 00
Dixfield Fire Co., services at Ed. Merrill fire.....	21 00
Town of Peru, expense of maintaining ferry at Peru.....	72 24
Frank Brown, teams furnished truant officer.....	11 00
A M Stanley, stamps and telephone..	7 90
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	\$335 91
Balance.....	<hr/>
	\$262 38

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### New School House

Balance from last year.....	\$22 63
No orders drawn.	

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### Support of Poor

Balance from last year.....	\$ 42 16
Appropriation .....	500 00
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	\$542 16
Received from town of Mexico on acc't of Arthr Downs..	10 75
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	\$552 91

## JAMES McALLISTER

Paid A W Smith.....	\$84 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 84 00

## ROSCOE COOLIDGE

Paid C G Coolidge .....	\$36 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 36 00

## HIRAM STONE

Paid Frank Fish .....	\$21 00	
Chas. Stanley's Sons.....	12 25	
L F Turner.....	26 58	
W C Hall.....	9 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 68 83

## GEORGE BLAKE

Paid Charles Stanley's Sons.....	\$ 11 85	
W E Smith.....	156 00	
V O White, M D .....	9 25	
	<hr/>	\$177 10

## ARTHUR DOWNS

Paid J S Sturtevant, M D .....	\$10 75	
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## ACCOUNT OF TRAMPS

Paid Frank Brown.....	\$2 70	
A M Stanley.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4 70
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		\$381 38
Balance.....		<hr/>
		\$171 53

**Funds Held in Trust****Eustis Fund, \$500.**

Feb. 16, 1911, balance.....	\$124 00	
Appropriation .....	20 00	
		<u>\$144 00</u>
Paid:		
July 31, 1911, E V Greenlaw.....	\$ 10 00	
		<u>\$ 10 00</u>
Balance.....		<u>\$134 00</u>

**Rosene Cummings Fund, \$50.**

Appropriation .....	\$25 00	
Interest.....	2 00	
		<u>\$27 00</u>
Paid:		
Albion Holman.....	\$4 00	
		<u>\$ 4 00</u>
Balance.....		<u>\$23 00</u>

**Riverside Cemetery Fund, \$1,000.**

Appropriation .....	\$40 00	
		<u>\$40 00</u>
Paid:		
Feb. 13, 1911, J M Holland, one year's interest.....	\$40 00	
		<u>\$40 00</u>

**H. M. Glines Fund, \$50.**

Appropriation .....	\$2 00	
Paid:		
Feb. 13, 1911, J M Holland, one year's int'st,	\$2 00	

**T. B. Knowles Fund, \$50.**

Appropriation .....\$2 00

Paid:

Feb. 13, 1911, J M Holland, one year's int'st,\$2 00

**Greenwood Cemetery**

JOHN S. HARLOW, TRUSTEE

Feb. 16, 1911, balance.....\$228 46

Oct. 1, 1911, one year's int'st, 8 88

Mrs. F Macomber..... 25 00

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\$262 34

Paid:

H G Thayer, lumber.....\$50 00

H G Thayer, " ..... 30 20

Wm. W Waite, lumber and labor..... 29 17

J P Johnston, repairs..... 5 03

D F Newton, labor..... 19 56

J J Towle, " ..... 18 25

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\$152 21Balance.....

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\$110 13**Abatements, 1911 (J. P. E.)**

Joseph Arsenault, moved- poll.....\$ 3 00

A E Blaisdell, sickness- poll..... 3 00

Urban Blaisdell, not of age- poll..... 3 00

Joseph Bouchard, moved- poll..... 3 00

Harry Brown, sickness- poll..... 3 00

Dana Carter, not of age- poll..... 3 00

Zenis Chase, moved- poll..... 3 00

Hazen Cockram, moved- poll..... 3 00

Daryl Cox, moved- poll..... 3 00

E V Greenlaw, soldier.....	\$ 3 00
Linwood Haines, moved- poll.....	3 00
Harold Holman, not of age- poll.....	3 00
Norris Kenerson, moved- poll.....	3 00
John McIntire, moved- poll.....	3 00
Grover Merrill, not of age- poll.....	3 00
Frank Potter, moved- poll and pers.....	5 10
Arthur Pinkham, moved- poll.....	3 00
Delbert Smith, moved-poll.....	3 00
Guy E Webster, poor- real, pers. and poll..	5 80
Elvira Whitney, poor- real and pers.....	1 40
Chas. Skillings, moved.....	4 26
L N Turner, deceased- real and pers.....	3 10
W E Guild, error- pers.....	2 10
H C Smith, error- real est.....	11 20
Thayer & Paine, error- real est.....	14 00
E I Brown, error- real est.....	25 00
Alton Brown & Co., error- real est.....	25 00
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	\$147 96

### Unpaid Taxes

All taxes have been paid and full settlement made with collector.

### Unappropriated Funds in Treasury

Feb. 16, 1911, balance.....	\$300 83
A J Marsh, auctioneer's license.....	2 00
Wm. T Eustis, account Roscoe Coolidge back pay.....	300 00
S L Hammons, billiard license.....	10 00
Henry C Pratt, " " .....	10 00
Circus license.....	2 00
Fire works license.....	1 00
Mrs. E S Judkins, innholder license.....	1 00

M McIntire, innholder license.....	\$ 1 00	
Received from State dog license.....	66 81	
"      "      "      pensions .....	72 00	
"      "      "      R R and telephone,	20 00	
State pensions.....	108 00	
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		\$1,414 30
Transferred to roads and bridges.....	\$ 40 54	
"      "      municipal officers.....	40 48	
Abatement tax 1911 (J P E).....	147 96	
Transferred to temporary loan.....	48 26	
Paid State pensions.....	180 00	
"      dog license deficiency.....	10 00	
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		\$ 467 24
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Balance.....		\$ 947 06

### Insurance

Feb. 16, 1911, balance from last year.....	\$14 00
No orders drawn.	

### Dixfield Public Library

Appropriation .....	\$100 00	
Received from State.....	20 00	
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		\$120 00
Paid:		
Dixfield Public Library.....	\$120 00	
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		\$120 00

### In Payment of Time Orders Due

Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00	
Paid Hortense B Torrey.....	\$700 00	
Zerua White.....	300 00	
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		\$1,000 00



**Interest on Time Orders**

Appropriation .....	\$640 00
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Paid:

J P Johnston.....	\$32 81
Hortense B Torrey.....	14 00
Lelia M Forster.....	5 70
Lelia M Forster.....	12 00
J P Johnston.....	8 00
Verdurina Ludden.....	20 00
Hortense B Torrey.....	20 00
Eugene L Torrey.....	20 00
Zerua E White.....	60 00
J P Johnston.....	32 81
E E Brown.....	20 00
Hortense B Torrey.....	14 00
J P Johnston.....	8 00
Lelia M Forster.....	17 68
Verdurina Ludden.....	20 00
Hortense B Torrey.....	20 00
Eugene L Torrey.....	20 00
G P Torrey.....	48 00
W G Harlow.....	40 00
Zerua E White.....	58 00
P W Torrey.....	12 00
E E Brown.....	20 00
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	\$523 00
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	\$117 00

**Interest Bearing Outstanding Time Orders**

Issued by previous boards of selectmen.

Date	No.		
Nov. 16, 1907,	530	G P Torrey.....	\$ 300 00
June 5, 1908,	102	McGreggor Brothers (held by J P Johnston) .....	1,140 63
June 29, 1908,	142	Elmer E Brown,	1,000 00
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			\$2,440 63

Issued on account of temporary  
loan authorized at special town  
meeting, March 15, 1909.

Date	No.	
Apr. 1, 1909,	608	G P Torrey.....\$500 00
" 1, "	609	J P Johnston..... 500 00
" 8, "	689	G P Torrey..... 200 00
May 20, "	695	G P Torrey..... 200 00
June 30, "	698	Lelia M Forster.... 219 90
Jan. 1, 1910,	702	M W Forster (held
by Lelia M Forster).....		64 91

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\$1,684 81

Issued on account of new school house.

Date	No.	
1909		
June 16,	103	Zeura E White.....\$1,000 00
		Due July 1, 1919
" "	104	W G Harlow..... 1,000 00
		Due July 11, 1915
July 1,	108	Verdurina Ludden.... 1,000 00
		Due July 1, 1916
" "	109	J P Johnston..... 400 00
		Due July 1, 1914
" "	110	Lelia M Forster..... 600 00
		Due July 1, 1914
Aug. 3,	197	Zerua E White..... 1,000 00
		Due Aug. 3, 1918
" 4,	198	Hortense B Torrey... 1,000 00
		Due Aug. 4, 1912
" "	199	Eugene L Torrey..... 1,000 00
		Due Aug. 4, 1913
" "	225	P W Torrey..... 300 00
		Due Aug. 2, 1917
" 28,	257	Zerua E White..... 700 00
		Due Aug. 28, 1917

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\$ 8,000 00

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\$12,125 44

## Financial Standing of Town

### Liabilities

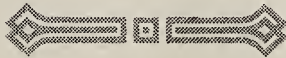
Outstanding int. bearing orders.....	\$12,125 44	
Cemetery funds held in trust.....	1,650 00	
Road bill (summer) outstanding.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$13,779 44

### Assets

Due from State on account of high school.....	\$ 500 00	
Due from State on acc't sheep killed by dogs.....	33 00	
Due from Peru high school.....	140 00	
"      "      common school.....	15 00	
"      Mexico      "      "      .....	35 00	
Cash in treasury.....	3,304 30	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,027 30
Net am't of liabilities.....		<hr/> \$ 9,752 14

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR M. STANLEY, ALBION HOLMAN, FRANK BROWN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Dixfield</i>
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# Report of Road Commissioners



## I. O. Babb and Alvah Waite Commissioners

### WINTER WORK 1911-12 (I O B)

NO.

1	Harry Garcelon.....	\$ 4 08
2	E D Packard.....	12 43
3	Fred Hannaford.....	10 05
4	Alphonzo Whitman.....	7 40
5	Geo. Flag.....	2 70
6	W F Drown.....	4 78
7	C F Porter.....	3 14
8	K K Brackett.....	11 90
9	L F Turner.....	6 31
10	M H Turner.....	1 58
11	W O Babb.....	7 58
12	J G Hutchinson.....	4 00
13	P W Torrey.....	6 25
14	J W Adams.....	3 07
15	E E Holman.....	20 40
16	Walter Holman.....	9 90
17	J S Adams.....	22 60
18	M E Gould.....	4 72
19	W E Towle.....	1 75
20	Carl Towle.....	7 87
21	Masterman & Ward.....	11 00
22	E T Merrill.....	18 40
23	D A Adams.....	1 75
24	Linwood Haines.....	1 90
25	D W Harvey.....	3 10
26	Fred Weld.....	5 20
28	Laforest Knight.....	2 20
32	W M White.....	1 85
33	E L Torrey.....	1 40

NO.

38	Charles Howard.....	\$ 1 10
43	G I Fletcher.....	2 80
50	John Grover.....	4 00
51	Milton Reed.....	4 00
54	Bert Whittemore.....	1 65
60	Bert Coolidge.....	3 30
73	E D Packard.....	16 08
74	Arthur Whittemore.....	3 50
75	D D Holman.....	18 00
76	J D Holman.....	3 15
77	S D Rand.....	6 13
78	Alphonzo Whitman.....	19 65
79	E D Packard.....	5 75
80	D A Adams.....	6 12
81	Alphonzo Whitman.....	10 00
82	L M Masterman.....	5 36
83	J G Hutchinson.....	4 98
84	Jason S Adams.....	31 95
85	J W Adams.....	30 35
87	P W Torrey.....	6 39
88	E D Packard.....	12 53
89	G P Torrey.....	5 50
90	E L Torrey.....	4 10
91	G W Chase.....	32 70
92	S D Rand.....	4 20
93	W M White.....	6 40
94	O L Paine.....	39 75
96	G W Towle.....	2 00
97	D D Holman.....	14 00
98	F W Holman.....	1 75
99	J B Holman.....	1 75
100	I O Babb.....	91 73
101	Carl Towle.....	4 37
102	Fred Hannaford.....	28 18
102	W F Drown.....	3 45
101	E T Merrill.....	7 20

## WINTER WORK 1911-'12 (A W)

NO.

1	W H Smith.....	\$ 7 15
2	Alvah Waite.....	21 80
3	G M Walton.....	9 10
4	L G Blanchard.....	4 08
5	Alton Coolidge.....	6 80
6	Ralph S Walton.....	4 76
7	D E Smith.....	22 00
8	D E Smith.....	2 00
9	Leon Smith.....	11 05
10	W W Rollins.....	19 50
11	W W Rollins.....	2 00
12	Orie J Coolidge.....	3 85
13	C E Coolidge.....	12 00
14	G E Wright.....	10 05
15	R M Burnham.....	10 55
16	Walter Wright.....	5 62
17	D C Coolidge.....	7 48
18	Albion Holman.....	7 00
19	Marion H Douglass.....	15 49
20	Irvin Dean.....	6 50
21	John Tucker.....	8 00
22	W M Andrews.....	4 45
23	Elmer Flagg.....	5 80
24	Peter Russell.....	8 00
25	Dennis Russell.....	1 50
26	D B Holman.....	5 50
27	Will Chandler.....	16 12
28	C C Smith.....	13 80
29	M L Walton.....	3 50
46	George Lothrop.....	5 35
55	E S Hiscock.....	6 78
56	W N Reed.....	2 60
60	W E Smith.....	3 50
64	W M Andrews.....	11 59
65	Dennis Russell.....	6 65

NO.

66	George Lothrop.....	\$ 1 75
67	Elmer Flagg.....	8 23
68	Peter Russell.....	14 97
69	D C Coolidge.....	7 20
70	John Tucker.....	10 79
71	O J Coolidge.....	11 20
72	H E Coolidge.....	5 08
73	Alton Babb.....	70
74	R M Burnham.....	18 85
75	Albion Holman.....	11 75
76	Irvin Dean.....	7 75
77	A L Douglass.....	16 52
78	D B Holman.....	16 65
79	W E Wright.....	14 36
80	F W Morrison.....	17 25
81	W W Rollins.....	21 00
82	Frank Holman.....	7 79
83	Ralph E Walton.....	11 95
84	Alton Coolidge.....	4 72
85	Walter Smith.....	2 90
86	D E Smith.....	13 70
87	M L Walton.....	20 00
88	L G Blanchard.....	6 75
89	Will Chandler.....	23 93
90	Charles Smith.....	15 00
91	E S Hiscock.....	22 56
92	G E Wright.....	13 65
93	Alvah Waite.....	26 00
94	Andrew Childs.....	17 88
95	Delmont Hall.....	8 10
96	Charlie Oldham.....	8 10

NO.

## SUMMER WORK 1911 (I O B)

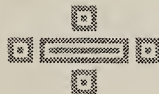
27	Bernard Staples.....	\$ 5 25
29	Bernard Staples.....	8 00
30	H H Luce.....	5 00

NO.

31	Bernard Staples.....	\$ 9 66
34	Carl Towle.....	44 63
35	Daniel Holman.....	12 25
36	Charles Farrington.....	38 50
37	E T Merrill.....	74 00
39	Jason Adams.....	90 00
39	John Tupper.....	14 60
40	Elsworth Haines.....	3 50
41	A D Wentworth.....	144 00
42	Myron Holman.....	12 25
44	Alex Holman.....	35 92
45	Freeman Brown.....	15 75
46	Herbert Beedy.....	26 60
47	E T Merrill.....	45 00
48	A H Stockbridge.....	2 30
49	Maurice Judkins.....	6 00
52	J G Hutchinson.....	4 00
53	A D Wentworth.....	36 00
55	I O Babb.....	100 00
56	Prince Beedy.....	9 25
57	L F Turner.....	6 10
58	Elsworth Haines.....	16 62
59	W F Drown.....	25 20
61	L H Humphrey.....	6 00
62	W O Babb.....	12 80
63	R M Woodsum.....	16 25
64	Jason Adams.....	6 50
65	Maurice Judkins.....	13 12
67	O L Paine.....	56 87
68	E T Merrill.....	38 25
69	I O Babb.....	64 04
70	Alex Holman.....	3 67
71	Drain pipe.....	101 79
72	J H Smith.....	3 95
86	C L Dillingham.....	4 41
95	H G Thayer.....	74 09
38	Maurice Judkins.....	31 50



NO.	SUMMER WORK 1911 (A W)	
30	M L Walton.....	\$ 4 95
31	G M Walton.....	11 25
32	Ralph E Walton.....	5 25
33	R M Burnham.....	54 75
34	D B Holman.....	42 75
35	W E Wright.....	12 25
36	Harry Coolidge.....	16 62
37	Frank Holman.....	16 62
38	Albion Holman.....	11 38
39	Irvin Dean.....	13 13
40	D C Coolidge.....	7 87
41	Orie J Coolidge.....	17 25
42	Mrs. A L Douglass.....	17 50
43	John Tucker.....	18 00
44	D E Smith.....	1 75
45	George Lothrop.....	6 13
47	W M Andrews.....	3 00
48	Alvah Waite.....	30 82
49	W L Paul.....	43 73
50	W W Rollins.....	64 30
51	G A Hiscock.....	1 02
52	Dennis Russell.....	10 88
53	Erwin Fuller.....	5 25
54	Alton Coolidge.....	7 88
57	R H Douglass.....	1 99
58	W W Rollins.....	2 97
59	R M Burnham.....	17 50
61	Alvah Waite.....	12 50
62	Albion Holman.....	2 00
63	Dennis Russell.....	1 75
	A B Hall.....	1 60



# TREASURER'S REPORT



**JOHN S. HARLOW**

**Treasurer**

— Dr. —

**1911**

Mar. 8,	To cash balance of old account.....	\$ 1,069 33
" 8,	Cash from town of Mexico, tuition common schools, spring and fall terms, 1910.....	35 00
" 8,	Cash from town of Mexico, tuition high school, one half tuition Mar- ion Babb, fall term 1910.....	5 00
" 17,	Cash from Andrew J Marsh, auction- eer's license.....	2 00
Apr. 15,	Cash from Roscoe Coolidge.....	300 00
" 17,	Cash from State treasurer, dog li- cense 1910 refunded.....	66 81
May 6,	Cash from Henry C Pratt, billiard room.....	10 00
" 6,	Cash from Seth L Hammons, bil- liard room.....	10 00
June 15,	Cash from selectmen, acc't of tem- porary loan.....	1,500 00
" 23,	Cash from town of Peru, tuition high school.....	160 00
" 24,	Cash from Warren Co., tent show...	2 00
" 29,	Cash from State treas'r, high school 1910.....	500 00
July 1,	Cash from H A Yetten, plank from sewer.....	35
" 7,	Cash from State treasurer, State pensions 1910.....	72 00
" 12,	Cash from selectmen, temp'y loan...	1,000 00
" 20,	Comm't J P Edmunds, taxes 1911,	15,391 38
" 28,	Cash from F G Newton, fire works license.....	1 00
Aug. 31,	Cash from Frank H Gilcrease, town clerk, dog license 1911.....	94 00
Nov. 22,	Cash from State treasurer, public library.....	20 00

**1911**

Dec. 6,	Cash from Mrs. A N Judkins, innholders license.....	\$ 1 00
" 30,	Cash from State treasurer, R R and telegraph tax.....	20 00

**1912**

Jan. 5,	Cash from State treasurer, school and mill fund.....	994 22
" 5,	Cash from State treasurer, common school fund.....	863 94
" 5,	Cash from State treasurer, school equalization fund.....	106 31
Feb. 6,	Cash from town of Mexico, tuition common schools.....	90 00
" 6,	Cash from town of Mexico, tuition high school.....	30 00
" 7,	Cash from E Etta Holman, entering sewer.....	25 00
" 9,	Cash from town of Mexico, support of poor, account Arthur Downs....	10 75
" 10,	Cash from Geo. P Stanley, entering sewer.....	25 00
" 14,	Cash from M L Bishop, ent'g sewer,	25 00
" 15,	Cash from Elwin Childs, tuit'n common schools.....	15 00
" 15, •	Cash from Erwin Childs, tuit'n common schools.....	15 00
" 15,	Cash from Lester Hall, tuit'n common schools.....	15 00
" 15,	Cash from W S McNamara, books and supplies.....	6 10
" 15,	Cash from Greenwood cemet'y acc't,	152 21
" 15,	Cash from W C Hall, plank from sewer account.....	5 00
" 15,	Cash from State treasurer, State pensions 1912.....	108 00
" 15,	Cash from M McIntire, innholders license.....	1 00
" 15,	Cash from O L Paine, ent'ng sewer,	25 00

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\$22,772 40

— Cr. —

**1911**

July 10,	By paid Augusta Glidden, State pension, quarters ending March 31 and June 30, 1911.....	\$ 36 00
Sept. 1,	Paid Geo. M Atwood, county tax 1911 .....	777 11
" 1,	Paid State treasurer, dog license 1911 .....	94 00
" 13,	Paid Rosamond E Waite, State pension, quarters end'g Mar. 31 and June 30, 1911.....	18 00
Oct. 2,	Paid Augusta Glidden, State pension, quarter end'g Sep. 30, '11..	18 00
" 5,	Paid Rosamond E Waite, State pension, quarter end'g Sep. 30, '11..	9 00

**1912**

Jan. 8,	Paid Augusta Glidden, State pension, quarter end'g Dec. 31, '11..	18 00
" 8,	Paid State tax, 1911 .....	3,153 61
" 9,	Paid Rosamond E Waite, State pension, quarter end'g Dec. 31, '11..	9 00
" 13,	Paid State treasurer, dog license deficiency, 1910.....	10 00
	By orders paid and cancelled.....	15,325 38
	By balance, cash on hand.....	8,304 30
		<hr/> \$22,772 40

JOHN S. HARLOW,

*Treasurer.*

## Greenwood Cemetery

**John S. Harlow**

**Trustee**

1911

— Cr. —

Mar. 7,	By balance on deposit in R F Trust Co., book No. 10,835.....	\$228 46
" 7,	Received from R F Trust Co., interest to Oct. 1, 1911.....	8 87
" 7,	Received from estate of Ferdinand P Macomber, for lot No. 138.....	25 00
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		\$262 33

— Dr. —

June 15,	To paid order No. 86, Henry G Thayer, account of new fence.....	\$ 50 00
Dec. 15,	Paid order No. 356, Henry G Thayer, account of new fence.....	30 20
" 15,	Paid order No. 357, Will W Waite, ac- count of new fence.....	29 17
" 15,	Paid order No. 358, J P Johnston, ac- count of new fence.....	5 03
" 15,	Paid order No. 359, D F Newton, ac- count of new fence.....	19 56
" 15,	Paid order No. 360, John J Towle, ac- count of new fence.....	18 25

1912

Feb. 15,	Balance on deposit in Dixfield branch R F Trust Co., book No. 237.....	110 12
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		\$262 33

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT



## Vital Statistics According to Returns Made to This Office February 15, 1912

### MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES
April 10, 1911.....	Arthur Leslie Holman Lelia E Wilkins
May 13, .....	Ilus E Chandler Florence P Welch
" 21, .....	Fred W Gray Rose L Holland
June 29, .....	E Frank Wilcox Ina M McIntire
Aug. 20, .....	Alfred E Richardson Minnie Brown
" 31, .....	Albion N Judkins Flora R Swett
Sept. 4, .....	John Edward Mountfort Annie Lucretia Delano
Nov. 26, .....	Ellery C Austin Frances Brown
Dec. 25, .....	Carrol J Macomber Gertrude R Barrett
Jan. 3, 1912.....	Philetus W Torrey Myrtie Mary Look
" 15, .....	William H Drew Josephine M Stanley
" 28, .....	Ellery G Porter Ina M Weld

## BIRTHS

DATE OF BIRTH	PARENTS	SEX
Feb. 14, '11,	To Mr. & Mrs. V B Works,	Daughter
" 26,	E T Merrill,	Son
" 27,	Edgar V Masterman,	Daughter
Apr. 17,	John E Tucker, [Twin	Son
May 9,	Edmund D Packard,	Daughters
" 10,	Cecil S York	Son
" 23,	Albert W Small,	Son
June 17,	Arthur N Stowell,	Son
" 16,	Allan Curtis,	Daughter
July 3,	Maurice H Horne,	"
" 13,	Mertice L Walton,	Son
Aug. 11,	Fred L Whittemore,	Son
" 21,	Arthur Downs,	"
" 29,	Merritt E Gould,	Daughter
Sep. 4,	James G. Hutchinson,	Son
" 10,	Guy E Webster,	Daughter
Oct. 11,	Alphonzo Whitman,	Son
" 14,	George C Gray,	Daughter
" 16,	Henry H Skolfield,	Son
" 23,	Stillman V Harlow,	"
Dec. 6,	David Atkins,	"
" 15,	Thomas P Holt,	"
" 19,	C Guy Price,	"
Jan. 10, '12,	Grover L Merrill,	"
" 13,	Alfred E Richardson,	Daughter
" 14,	Arthur M Stanley,	"
" 17,	Clifton D Fletcher,	"
" 18,	M Percy O'Brien,	"
Feb. 8,	Fred W Kidder,	Son

## DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE		
		yrs.	mos.	days
Apr. 3, 1911,	Annie M Torrey,	55	2	19
" 9,	James M McLaughlin,	80	0	1
" 18,	Georgia Susan Blanchard,	54		
May 4,	Louisa Paine,	74	7	24
" 12,	Frank G Nichols,	58	4	28
" 12,	Columbus C Marsh,	71	11	1
" 20,	Ferdinand P Macomber,	48	3	27
" 27,	Marshall C White,	72	1	20
June 26,	Ellis M Delano,	41	8	18
July 2,	Fremont Kidder,	58		
Aug. 13,	Charles D Holman,	47	5	18
" 16,	Clinton E Coolidge,	60	2	24
" 26,	Almon H Stockbridge,	55	8	29
" 26,	Lena A Blanchard,	50	10	
Sep. 3,	Mary A Kilgore,	88	0	7
Oct. 21,	Fred A Ward,	49	0	10
Nov. 11,	Murillo B Sanders	62	0	23
Dec. 1,	Jabez L Dunham,	84	0	11
" 3,	Samantha O Smith,	80	7	13
Feb. 5, 1912,	Llewellyn F Turner,	45	5	29
" 8,	Clarene I Davis,	66	11	24

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**Dogs Licensed After April 1, 1911**

Number that were taxed, 70.

64 males.....\$64 00

6 females.....30 00

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\$94 00

Number killed or otherwise disposed of 9:— 8 males and 1 female.

FRANK H. GILCREAS,

*Town Clerk.*



# **Report of the Superintending School Committee, Dixfield**



The Superintending School Committee recommend the following appropriations for the support of schools during the ensuing year.▪

We shall need for the support of Common Schools fifteen hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,550.00). This amount includes the cost of instruction, conveyance, fuel, lights, tuition and janitor service.

We shall need for books and supplies the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

For our share of superintendence we shall need an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

For the support of a "Class A", High School, during the ensuing year, the town should vote to raise the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Five hundred dollars to be raised by the town. Under this class the town will receive from the State five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

The balance of the laboratory, insurance and repair funds will be sufficient for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. WAITE,	}	<i>School Committee Town of Dixfield</i>
WILL S. MARBLE,		
GEORGE WALTERS,		

# Superintendent's Report



*To the Superintending School Committee, Dixfield.*

I have the honor to present for your consideration my first annual report of the condition and progress of the public schools of the town.

It will be impossible for me in this report to discuss fully any one characteristic of educational work here. I must confine myself to a report of the progress, the changes, and the general condition of the schools during the short time that I have been connected with them.

## TEACHERS

It was necessary, before the schools opened for the fall term, to elect a principal for the high school, a teacher for the grammar school, and several teachers for the rural schools. Usually, applicants for positions are interviewed and even elected before the closing of the school year in June; but, in this case, we had little over one month in which to elect teachers and make the other necessary preparations incident to opening the schools.

We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Parker M. Cooper as principal of the high school, for he undertook the care and management of the school and the school building with an energy and tact which would have done justice to a man of many years' experience in school work. His judgment has never been at fault and he has been ready and willing at all times to do everything in his power to promote the welfare of the school. His work has won the admiration of pupils, parents, and school officials.

Mr. Cooper has been ably assisted by Miss Verrill who has done excellent work. She has raised the standard of the college preparatory course by her excellent work in Latin and she has won the esteem of all by her efforts to please.

Miss Davis was elected to teach the grammar grades and in one term she brought order out of chaos. She has worked conscientiously for the best interests of the school and though strict in discipline, she has won the love and confidence of her pupils.

Miss Deering's room opened in the fall term with a registration of fifty-two and the attendance has been over fifty ever since. It would be difficult to find a teacher with three grades (third, fourth, and fifth) and a total of fifty-two pupils as patient and pains-taking as Miss Deering is. She is intensely interested in her work and she gains the attention and interest of her pupils in a manner that is worthy of admiration. We owe much to her efforts.

Mrs. Lane's work needs no special mention on my part, for her worth and excellence as a teacher are known to all. She is a teacher far above the average, and we are very fortunate to have her with us. Her work with the little people is most interesting and it is wonderful to see what she accomplishes in two years. We could not find a better teacher than Mrs. Lane.

Excellent work has been done by the rural teachers this year and I feel satisfied that they have accomplished a great deal. They are working under conditions which are not very favorable and which can never be corrected until we are able to consolidate the rural schools, but I feel that with the teachers we have had this fall and winter, the rural schools of Dixfield are much better than the average.

#### PROGRESS

The purpose of education is to make good citizens. One mark of a good citizen is that he renders to the community a just equivalent for all he receives from it. He must not do less; he may do more. He has the capacity for productive labor of muscle or mind, and sufficiently strong motives to impel him to use it. No matter how good a man may be as an individual, he is not a good citizen unless he is able to

make an honest living for himself and for those dependent upon him. He is neither a good man nor a good citizen if, having capacity, he is too lazy or too dishonest to apply it rightly, and undertakes, whether as a beggar, a thief, or an idle millionaire, to get a living from the community without giving equivalent service.

The same applies to the woman as well as to the man. A woman's service to the public may be the same as a man's, or it may be different; but if the community is richer, materially or spiritually, because she lives in it, then the woman is a good citizen.

Therefore, the public schools must cultivate in the young citizen a capacity to do something the world needs done, and to stir his ambition and strengthen his will to do it. They must equip him with the ability to work intelligently and skilfully, and the teaching must fill them with a sense of their profound obligation to work.

We can make no progress in our schools unless we attain the end for which the State has established a system of education and the progress, in any case, is not readily apparent unless the child is imbued with the desire to work hard in the school room to fit himself for the work which is to come.

During one short term I have been impressed by the manner in which all work has been done in the grades and in the high school and I have noticed considerable progress. The work in spelling has, in particular, shown great improvement not only in the regular spelling lessons, but in language work and composition writing. This is especially true in the high school where spelling was introduced early in the fall term. The progress made in this branch is very gratifying, since spelling, more than anything else, distinguishes the letter or other written work of the educated man from the effort of the man who has not been fortunate enough to have received a good education.

Great improvement is noticable in the reading, also. In the grades the pupils use more expression and read with more understanding than they did at the beginning of the term. This is due entirely to the efforts of the teachers who are working hard to attain perfection in this branch.

By the time the pupil is ready to enter the high school he should be able readily to set down on paper somewhat of his knowledge, or thought, or feeling, in such form as shall show that he is familiar with the requirements of a good composition. He should be able to express himself fully and with sense so that he might use this facility of expression to advantage in his work if his education ends here. Such readiness, however, cannot be attained except as the result of constant, intelligent, and interested practice, and the practice should be in every subject which the pupil has thought to express.

It was found necessary at the beginning of the fall term to introduce a systematic course of work in composition as the pupils seemed woefully weak in this branch. In the grades, the work is now given more attention and in the high school the freshman and sophomore classes must write two themes each week while the junior and senior classes are required to write one theme each week. In addition to this, the number of hours given to the study of English was increased from fifteen to twenty. The results have justified the extra work, for great progress has been made in one term. This is very encouraging, for the work is of practical value and, therefore, important.

#### ATTENDANCE

The attendance during the past year has been good. The average attendance was 89 per cent. which is one per cent. higher than the year before. This is a very good average, but it is not impossible for us to attain an average of over 90 per cent.

We owe this high average, in a great measure, to the co-operation of parent and teacher. The better the attendance in the school room, the greater the progress attainable, and hence, the necessity of harmony in the relations of parent and teacher. The surest safeguard against conflict between home and school is mutual understanding and co-operation. The mental and moral advancement of the pupil depends upon the parent and the teacher, and when both work together for the child, his development must be rapid and proper.

Mr. Dockham has aided materially in keeping up the attendance by his strictness in regard to truants. There are always a few who bother in this respect, and he has compelled them in every case to go to school. He has gone about his work with decision and energy and has been very effective in obtaining required results.

#### REPORTS AND STATISTICS

The Science Hill School, the Severy Hill School, and the Dunn School have had an average attendance of less than eight during the past school year. According to Sec. 2, Chap. 15, Revised Statutes of 1903, these schools must be suspended unless the town votes to maintain them during the ensuing year.

An examination of eyes and ears conducted in accordance with Chapter 73, P. L. 1901, shows the following results:

Total number examined.....	199
Defective in sight.....	19
Defective in hearing.....	2
Parents and guardians notified.....	15

Following the superintendent's report are the reports of the high school principal, the truant officer, the statistical table of attendance, the teachers' directory, and the financial statement. I would ask that these be given careful attention.



In looking over the financial statement it will be noted that there are some large unexpended balances. These have resulted from the efforts of the members of the school committee to obtain the best possible results with the least expenditures, and they have been so successful in their attempts to reduce the cost of maintaining the schools that the appropriations asked for this year amount to \$1000.00 less than last year. At the same time the salaries of a number of teachers have been raised. This shows that the decrease in expenditures has not been made at the expense of the teachers, but has resulted from the fact that the members of the school committee have used judgment and tact in all financial dealings.

#### CONCLUSION

In closing, I wish to express my gratitude to the teachers for their readiness to assist me in everything tending to the betterment of the schools. The encouragement of their loyalty has been of great assistance to me.

The citizens I wish to thank for their hearty co-operation with teachers and school officers in their efforts to obtain a high standard of excellence in the schools of this town. Their sympathy and help is greatly appreciated.

It is absolutely necessary that harmonious relations should exist between all the agencies that labor in our field of education. The higher the character of our school boards, the greater and more lasting must be the benefits that will come to our public school system in general. The personnel of the school committee has exerted a great influence for good. The members have worked in harmony with the superintendent, giving him constant support, and whatever advancement has been attained its members are responsible for it.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. McNAMARA,

*Supt. of Schools.*

**Report of the Principal  
of the Dixfield High School**

*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

I herewith submit my first report as Principal of Dixfield High School.

The school year opened Sept. 12, with an attendance of twenty-four pupils in the high school, and it is a pleasure for me to state that an excellent attendance was maintained throughout the term, the average attendance being 23.22 or 96 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. At the opening of the winter term the number registered was twenty-two with the average attendance for the first four weeks slightly lower than that of the previous term. This was due mostly to sickness. The students are to be commended on their attendance and promptness; were it not for the usual two or three an exceedingly high mark would have been attained.

The standard of work done by the students is, I believe, a credit to your high school and to the younger element of your society; especially is this manifest in the three upper classes and they cast the shadow of success and credit upon the untiring efforts and unlimited interest of the teachers who have preceded me. In the entering class, I must admit, there are some who are not prepared for work of the grade which should be taught during the first year and we are laboring under difficulties with them.

It is, or at least should be, the aim of a teacher in the public schools to strive for the practical, every-day demands of the boys and girls who will soon be men and women. I believe that in your schools you have teachers who are working with this idea in view. This idea is to develop the power of reasoning and to broaden the mind, preparing them to meet the problems of life.



Discipline is one of the essentials if not the essential element of a successful school; and I wish to state here the sincere appreciation I feel for my co-workers in establishing good discipline both in and out of the school room.

Mr. Superintendent, you were very fortunate in the choice of the teacher for your grammar grades; from my own observation and from the reports of individuals I can truly say that from what was chaos, good order has been established by her. This is a long stride in the right direction.

The course of study submitted by you is, I believe, well balanced and meets with my approval. The College Preparatory Course fulfills all the requirements for entrance to college as well as being of educative value to those who will not pursue further study. The Scientific Course is designed particularly for those who will complete their school work in the high school. A course in Commercial Arithmetic is being made possible and is a valuable increment to the education of the secondary school graduate, especially if he meets with the business affairs of life to any extent.

The courses in Latin have been raised to a higher standard than in previous years. Latin, although perhaps not directly applicable to every-day life, is a subject which broadens the mind, a fact so often overlooked by the average student. I believe that Latin should be compulsory.

All efforts and progress in this branch of study are due to Miss Verrill.

The laboratory has been provided with fifty dollars worth of new apparatus needful to a good course in Physics. Physical laws and principles are being taught which cannot help but be of value to the students later on in life's work.

A course in Mechanical Drawing has been established in both the high and grammar schools. This is a stepping stone to the study of draughting and can be made use of by

all the boys. Needle work has been carried on in both the above named schools. This is a valuable asset to the education of the girls.

The high school league has procured a piano which is a desirable object in any school room. The league intends giving a drama in the near future, the proceeds to go toward paying for the piano. The other improvement leagues are busy and have purchased several desirable and useful articles.

Our best schools are those in which parents, pupils and teachers all have a common interest and feeling and mingle together. The parents can help us very materially by keeping up the school interest in the children at home. We wish that more of the parents would visit our schools and note the work done. The education of the children is of such great importance that it should not be overlooked by the parents and so we ask that you, parents, show more interest and call on us more frequently.

In the intermediate grades Miss Deering is continuing her high standard of work, laboring with fifty-two boys and girls in one room. This is twice the number a teacher should have in order to do her best work.

In the primary grades Mrs. Lane's work needs no mention. Call at her room any time and all is attention. The little people progress rapidly under her skillful management.

Mr. Dockham has been prompt and effective in all his duties as truant officer and the good attendance is due in great measure to his faithful work. We trust that Mr. Dockham will remain with us in this capacity for many years.

I might mention numerous changes and improvements which would meet with much satisfaction, but all these cost money and I am so well pleased with things as they exist that it seems fitting to extend to the citizens of the town my admiration for their school building and its equipment,

rather than to place here my wants and criticisms. For the present I think that the equipment meets all demands, but with an increase of a few more pupils some additions will have to be made. The high school will graduate six members this spring, but from all apperances their places will be filled and a few more seats will be needed as the room is full now.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you in behalf of the teachers and myself for the helpful suggestions which you have given and for the encouragement you have given us by your congenial manner and your interest in the welfare of both teacher and pupil and in behalf of the community at large for making its schools better.

Yours very respectfully,

PARKER M. COOPER,

*Prin. Dixfield High School.*

### **Truant Officer's Report**

*To the Superintendent of Schools, Dixfield:*

I respectfully submit the following report of my services as truant officer for the school year ending Feb. 1, 1912.

No. of cases of absence from school investigated.....	70
Number of truants returned to school.....	29
Number of excusable absences.....	41

I had a call from East Dixfield but as it is a union school (Wilton and Dixfield) and as the truant officer in Wilton was some miles nearer and as it would be less expensive, I notified him. I was called to Dixfield Center twice and to Lancaster school once.

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE W. DOCKHAM,

*Truant Officer.*

# Statistical Table of Attendance

SCHOOL	Name of Teacher	Winter Term			Spring Term			Fall Term		
		No.	Average	Per cent.	No.	Average	Per cent.	No.	Average	Per cent.
<i>High</i>	Merton T. Goodrich	23	21	91.						
	Martha G. Knight				21	19	90.			
	Parker M. Cooper							24	23	96.
<i>Grammar</i>	Nellie A. Harmon	33	30	91.	32	27	84.			
	Nellie G. Davis							37	36	97.
<i>Intermediate</i>	Edna R. Deering	31	25	80.	31	28	89.	52	49	94.
<i>Primary</i>	Sara C. Lane	34	27	80.	38	36	95.	34	32	94.
<i>Lancaster</i>	Annie Woodbury				12	11	91.			
	Mildred E. Walker							12	10†	90.
<i>Towle</i>	Ivy M. Jenks				11	10	91.	10	9	90.
<i>Centre</i>	Myrtle E. Smith				20	18	90.	21	19	90.
<i>Severy Hill</i>	Grace Dunning				8	7	88.			
	Mary E. Hutchins							8	7†	90.
<i>Dunn</i>	Mary E. Hutchins				6	5†	90.			
	Mabel A. Foye							8	6†	80.
<i>Science Hill</i>	Ella W. Smith							5	4†	95.
Totals		121	103	86.	179	161†	89.	211	195	92.

† Fraction

Average attendance for year, 89%

# Teachers' Directory, 1911-'12



Name	Address	School	Grade	Training	Salary	Elected
W. S. Mc Namara	Ridlonville	Central	Supt. of Schools	University of Maine	\$1,200.00 per year	1911
Parker M. Cooper	Dixfield	"	Prin. High School	"	684.00 "	1911
Clara A. Verrill	"	"	Asst. "	Bates College	432.00 "	1911
Nellie G. Davis	"	"	Grammar Grades	Kents Hill	10.00 " week	1911
Edna R. Deering	"	"	Intermediate "	Gorham Normal	10.00 "	1910
Sara C. Lane	West Peru	"	Primary "	*Farmington Normal	11.00 "	1908
Mildred E. Walker	"	Lancaster	Rural	Dixfield High	8.00 "	1911
Ruby A. Towle	Dixfield	Towle	"	Wilton Academy	7.50 "	1911
Myrtle E. Smith	E. Dixfield	Centre	"	"	9.00 "	1911
Ella W. Smith	"	Science Hill	"	Farmington Normal	5.00 "	1911
Mary E. Hutchins	Dixfield	Severy Hill	"	†Bridgton Academy	7.50 "	1911
Mabel A. Foye	"	Dunn	"	§Mexico High	7.50 "	1911

\*Partial Course

†Gorham Normal Summer School

§Farmington Normal Summer School



# Financial Statement



ACCOUNT	Balance Mar. 1, '11	Appropriated March 1911	Received from State	Received from Other Sources	Total Avail- able Funds	Total Expend- itures	Balance Unexpended
Common Schools	\$107.35	\$2,000.00	\$1,964.47	\$215.00	\$4,241.82	\$3,788.24	\$498.58
Books & Supplies	104.78	200.00		6.10	310.88	279.56	31.32
Repairs	110.12	500.00			610.12	333.62	276.50
Insurance	14.00				14.00		14.00
Laboratory	152.30				152.30	42.00	110.30
Superintendence	33.75	150.00			183.75	137.50	46.25
High School	209.00	550.00	500.00	195.00	1,454.00	1,141.20	312.80
Totals	\$731.30	\$3,400.00	\$2,464.47	\$371.10	\$6,966.87	\$5,722.12	\$1,289.75

# **Estimate of Appropriations Needed to Defray Necessary Expenses of the Town for the Municipal Year 1912-1913** ---

For Common schools.....	\$1,550 00
School books and supplies.....	200 00
Permanent school fund.....	45 00
District superintendent.....	150 00
In payment of time orders due.....	1,000 00
Interest on time orders.....	600 00
All municipal officers:	
Selectmen.....	\$200 00
Treasurer.....	75 00
Clerk.....	25 00
Collector.....	300 00
Constable.....	15 00
School board.....	30 00
Truant officer.....	35 00
Dog Constable.....	10 00
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	690 00
Hydrant rental.....	300 00
Public library.....	100 00
Support of poor.....	400 00
Roads and bridges.....	3,000 00
Interest on cemetery funds.....	66 00
Miscellaneous town charges.....	500 00
Free high school.....	\$1,000 00
State road.....	400 00
Memorial day.....	25 00



# Warrant For Annual Town Meeting



STATE OF MAINE:

OXFORD, S. S.

To Joseph P. Edmunds, a constable of the town of Dixfield in the said county.

## *Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Dixfield qualified by law, to vote in town affairs to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield village in said Dixfield on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1912, being the fourth day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

- Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- 2d To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3d To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the poor for the ensuing year.
- 4th To choose a town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 5th To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.
- 6th To see if the town will vote to choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.
- 7th To choose one or more members of the School Committee.



- 8th To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.
- 9th To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 15, 1912.
- 10th To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts for next year.
- 11th To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise for the maintainance and support of schools, to purchase school books and supplies, to repair school houses, permanent school fund, to pay outstanding time orders due, to pay interest on outstanding time orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Select men, Town Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay hydrant rental, Public Library, to care for the poor, to repair roads and bridges, interest on cemetery funds and all miscellaneous expenses and defray all other charges.
- 12th To see if the town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the same.
- 13th To see if the town will vote yes or no upon the adoption of the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907 as amended by Chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1912.

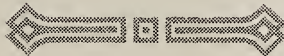
- 14th To see if the town will raise and appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and appropriated for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the sum of \$400.00, being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, as amended by Chapter 69, Public Laws of 1909, or such sum of money as it see fit.
- 15th To see if the town will vote to continue Union School District, with town of Mexico.
- 16th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.
- 17th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the salary of the Union District School Superintendent for the united school districts of Dixfield and Mexico for the fiscal year 1912-'13.
- 18th To see if the town will vote to continte the school in the Dunn district.
- 19th To see if the town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill district.
- 20th To if see the town will vote to continue the school in the Science Hill district.
- 21st To see if the town will vote to take and pay for four Electric Lights to be placed on the Dixfield Street of East Dixfield.
- 22d To see if the town will vote to imburse Geo. P. Stanley to the amount of \$28.31 on account of connecting with the sewer.
- 23d To see if the town will vote to pay the Truant Officer a salary of \$35.00 for the ensuing year.

- 24th To see if the town will vote to accept from the members of the Grand Army of Dixfield the sum of one hundred dollars, the same to be held in trust by said town and the interest on same to be used yearly on Memorial Day to place flags at the grave of each deceased soldier of the Civil War at the several Cemeteries in said town and to decide what rate of interest shall be allowed on the same.
- 25th To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to pay \$1,000.00 on temporary loan.
- 26th To see if the town will vote to pay the Selectmen more salary.
- 27th To see if the town will vote to enlarge Greenwood Cemetery and how much they will raise for same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1912.

ARTHUR M. STANLEY,	}	<i>Selectmen of Dixfield</i>
ALBION HOLMAN,		
FRANK BROWN,		















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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

## Town of Dixfield



For the Year Ending February 1st  
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Holt Brothers Print Shop  
Dixfield, Me.  
1913

# **TOWN OFFICERS**



## **Clerk**

FRANK H. GILCREAS

## **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor**

JOHN S. HARLOW      FRANK BROWN  
ALBION HOLMAN

## **Collector and Constable**

JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS

## **Treasurer**

ELISHA L. STETSON

## **School Committee**

W. S. MARBLE      GEORGE WALTERS  
WILL W. WAITE

## **Superintendent of Schools**

W. S. McNAMARA

## **Road Commissioners**

W. O. BABB    A. D. WENTWORTH    R. M. BURNHAM

## **Board of Health**

S. G. WHEELWRIGHT, term expires 1913

J. S. STURTEVANT, M. D., term expires 1914

W. M. PEASE, M. D., term expires 1915

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN



*Report of the Selectmen of the Town of Dixfield for the year  
ending February 1st, 1913.*

Value of Real Estate, resident,	\$370,730 00	
"                    "            non-rest.,	44,775 00	
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Total Real Estate,		\$415,505 00
Value Personal Estates, rest.,	\$120,585 00	
"                    "            "            non-rest.,	13,500 00	
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Total Pers'l Estates,		\$134,085 00
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Total Valuation,		\$549,590 00

## Appropriated and Assessed

For Common schools.....	\$1550 00
Books and supplies.....	200 00
Permanent school fund.....	45 00
District superintendent.....	150 00
Payment of time orders due.....	1000 00
Interest on time orders.....	600 00
Interest on cemetery funds.....	66 00
Municipal officers' salaries.....	690 00
Hydrant rental.....	300 00
Public library .....	125 00
Support of poor.....	400 00
Roads and bridges.....	2,500 00
Miscellaneous charges.....	500 00
Free high school .....	500 00
State road.....	400 00
Memorial day .....	25 00

For Electric lights, East Dixfield.....	\$ 25 00	
State tax .....	2,103 46	
County tax .....	777 11	
Overlay.....	583 82	
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Total appropriations .....		\$12,540 39

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Number of poll, 333		
Rate of poll tax, \$3.00		
Rate of property tax, .021		
Amount of poll tax.....	\$ 999 00	
" " property tax.....	11,541 39	
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		\$12,540 39
Supplementary tax.....		13 05
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		\$12,553 44

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### Live Stock Statistics

	No.	Ave. Value	Total Value
Horses .....	269.....	\$71 54.....	\$19,245 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old.....	6.....	65 00.....	390 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old.....	10.....	36 00.....	360 00
Colts, under 2 yrs. old.....	11.....	30 45.....	335 00
Cows .....	378.....	25 95.....	9,810 00
Oxen .....	18.....	41 39.....	745 00
Oxen, 3 yrs. old.....	100.....	15 85.....	1,585 00
Oxen, 2 yrs. old.....	120.....	11 12.....	1,335 00
Oxen, 1 yr. old.....	145.....	5 20.....	755 00
Sheep .....	307.....	3 09.....	950 00
Swine .....	127.....	6 41.....	815 00
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Total value live stock.....			\$36,325 00

## All Other Kinds of Personal Property

	No.	Value
Bank stock, shares.....	120.....	\$10,900 00
Trust Co.'s stock, " .....	55.....	5,500 00
Bridge Co.'s " " .....	53.....	5,300 00
Money at interest .....		1,000 00
Stocks in trade .....		17,550 00
Shipping .....		1,300 00
Logs and lumber .....		21,700 00
Automobiles .....	27.....	8,150 00
Musical instruments .....	63.....	4,350 00
Finished products in mills .....		15,035 00
Electric light plant .....		2,500 00
Bank vault .....		3,000 00
Other property .....		1,475 00
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		\$ 97,760 00
Value live stock .....		36,325 00
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Total value personal prop'ty,		\$134,085 00

## Municipal Officers

Appropriation .....	\$690 00
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### ORDERS DRAWN

NO.		
414	J P Edmunds, collecting- part pay...	\$150 00
546	Will W Waite, member sch'l board...	10 00
542	John S Harlow, selectman.....	75 00
543	Frank Brown, " .....	65 00
544	Albion Holman, " .....	60 00
545	George W Dockham, truant officer...	10 00
547	Will S Marble, member sch'l board...	10 00
549	Frank H Gilcreas, town clerk .....	19 15
551	George Walters, treasurer .....	37 50
552	Elisha Stetson, " .....	37 50

NO.

563 J P Edmunds, balance due on collecting taxes and services as constable and dog officer .....	\$126 06	
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		\$600 21
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/>
		\$ 89 79

### Common Schools

Balance old account.....	\$ 498 58	
Appropriation .....	1,550 00	
Permanent school fund.....	45 00	
School fund and mill tax.....	1,888 52	
Equalization fund.....	99 42	
Tuition .....	130 00	
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		\$4,211 52
Paid Teachers' wages.....	\$2,445 00	
Janitor service.....	449 26	
Conveyance of scholars.....	569 00	
Fuel .....	495 27	
Lights.....	19 32	
Balance unexpended.....	233 67	
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		\$4,211 52

### Free High School

Appropriation .....	\$500 00	
Recd. from State, 1911 <i>"c.</i> .....	500 00	
State, 1912 <i>"c.</i> .....	500 00	
Peru, tuition, 1911.....	130 00	
Carthage, 1912.....	5 00	
Mexico, 1912.....	30 00	
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		\$1,665 00



Overdraft, 1911 %.....	\$ 187 20
Paid Teachers' wages.....	1,092 00
Fuel account.....	162 42
Unexpended balance.....	223 38
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	\$1,665 00

### Laboratory

Balance old account.....	\$110 30
Paid L E Knott Apparatus Co.....	\$32 86
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	\$ 32 86
Unexpended balance.....	<hr/>
	\$ 77 44

### Books and Supplies

Balance old account.....	\$ 31 32
Appropriation .....	200 00
Rec'd of W S McNamara.....	20 00
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	\$251 32

### ORDERS DRAWN

NO.	
4	Edward E Babb & Co.....\$ 22 22
5	American Book Co.....3 84
6	Ginn & Co. ....6 88
17	W S McNamara .....2 52
19	Z W Taylor.....3 10
20	Silver-Burdett & Co. ....12 75
21	Ginn & Co. ....4 00
22	Edward E Babb & Co. ....3 20
100	W S McNamara .....1 80
107	J L Hammett Co. ....8 00
108	Edward E Babb & Co. ....11 85
109	Ginn & Co. ....16 40
131	W S McNamara .....3 65

NO.		
134	J L Hammett Co.....	\$ 7 49
219	W S McNamara .....	2 44
218	Z W Taylor.....	3 55
234	Est. O L Paine.....	4 65
242	Edward E Babb & Co. ....	22 49
244	W S McNamara .....	5 35
276	Mary E Hutchins.....	60
280	Guy O Gardner .....	1 50
282	Edward E Babb & Co. ....	60 34
300	Oxford Printing Co.....	5 25
302	Edward E Babb & Co. ....	2 70
374	Public School Printing Co.....	2 85
376	Darwin Holman.....	1 12
378	Z W Taylor.....	4 80
380	Edward E Babb & Co. ....	10 50
412	W S McNamara .....	1 60
492	W S McNamara .....	2 33
496	Jennings Publishing Co.....	1 00
497	Atkinson-Mentzer & Co.....	4 84
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		\$245 61
Unexpended balance		<hr/>
		\$ 5 71

### School Repairs

Balance old account.....	\$281 36
Rec'd from American Seating Co., overpaid .....	20 00
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\$301 36	

### ORDERS DRAWN

NO.		
7	Charles H Towle.....	2 11
8	John J Towle.....	2 75
102	W S Marble.....	1 72
103	D D Holman .....	8 00

NO.		
106	Edward E Babb & Co.....	\$ 7 70
118	Dixfield Light & Improvement Co....	1 00
122	Charles H Towle.....	3 70
123	O L Paine.....	3 05
148	Charles Stanley's Sons.....	85
150	B T Berry.....	2 50
235	Will W Waite.....	3 05
274	A W Judkins.....	8 60
275	L A Waite.....	1 00
279	Mrs. L F Turner.....	1 00
284	W S McNamara.....	3 10
285	Will W Waite.....	42 60
301	American Seating Co.....	50 00
303	Sears-Roebuck & Co.....	33 90
379	Guy O Gardner.....	6 50
381	A W Judkins.....	2 83
384	Darwin B Holman.....	6 00
425	Alex Holman.....	80
448	C H Towle.....	1 77
449	George I Fletcher.....	3 00
459	Charles Stanley's Sons.....	1 60
495	George E Moy.....	1 50
564	C L Dillingham.....	14 65
565	W.M Kidder.....	3 00
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		\$218 28
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/>
		\$ 83 08

### District Superintendent

Balance old account.....	\$ 46 25	
Appropriation .....	150 00	
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		\$196 25
Paid W S McNamara.....	150 00	
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Unexpended balance .....	\$ 46 25	

**New School House**

Balance of old account.....	\$ 22 63
No orders drawn.	

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**Sewer Repairs**

Balance of old account .....	\$207 10
Rec'd from Susan Bartlett, entrance.....	25 00
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	\$232 10
No orders drawn.	

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**Hydrant Rental**

Appropriation .....	\$300 00
Paid Dixfield Village Corp., Order No. 342, \$150 00	
"      "      "      "      "      485, 150 00	<hr/>
	\$300 00

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**Memorial Day**

Balance of old account .....	\$ 25 00
Appropriation .....	25 00
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	\$ 50 00
No orders drawn.	

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**Dixfield Public Library**

Appropriation .....	\$125 00
Rec'd from State.....	10 00
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	\$135 00
Paid Dixfield Public Library.....	\$135 00

**Electric Lights, East Dixfield**

Appropriation .....	\$25 00
No orders drawn	

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**Roads and Bridges**

Appropriation .....	\$2,500 00
Transf'd from unappropriated funds...	417 23
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	\$2,917 23

**ORDERS DRAWN (SUMMER)**

NO.		
124	K K Brackett .....	\$ 31 00
146	A D Wentworth .....	60 00
147	Jason Adams .....	40 50
157	Charles Cummings .....	34 00
158	Jason Adams .....	67 50
161	E T Merrill .....	65 00
162	Nelson Rose .....	1 50
163	United Construction Co. ....	9 00
164	W S Marble .....	15 75
166	Stillman V Harlow .....	13 12
168	Will Poland .....	36 75
169	Will Stain....	27 00
170	A D Wentworth .....	89 25
174	Charles Cummings .....	13 87
178	Will Pratt .....	5 25
180	A B Macomber .....	15 99
181	H L Bruce .....	2 70
185	K K Brackett .....	62 50
186	Fred Holman .....	3 50
191	Alvah A Waite .....	25 00
192	Arthur Holman .....	12 25
193	Walter Wright .....	14 78
194	D C Coolidge .....	14 50
195	John Tucker .....	12 00
196	M H Douglass .....	35 50

NO.		
197	D B Holman.....	\$ 45 00
198	Peter Russell.....	16 25
199	George Lothrop.....	11 75
200	Dennis Russell.....	47 50
201	George Hiscock.....	2 79
202	W M Andrews.....	2 10
203	D E Smith.....	2 00
204	W L Paul.....	51 52
205	E I Brown.....	18 00
206	R M Burnham.....	104 75
207	Will Walker.....	14 00
208	Frank Holman.....	16 63
209	Irving Deane.....	11 38
210	Albion Holman.....	13 13
211	Myron Holman.....	47 25
213	H L Bruce.....	5 20
214	W H Scott.....	77 28
215	K K Brackett.....	122 00
220	Ben Berry.....	1 75
224	Frank Brown.....	3 00
225	W H Scott.....	8 10
226	J A Tupper.....	71 55
227	W O Babb.....	139 76
228	A B Macomber.....	8 77
229	K K Brackett.....	9 50
230	Est. O L Paine.....	30 50
237	A D Wentworth.....	34 25
238	George I Fletcher.....	2 62
240	A W Judkins.....	74
245	H L Bruce.....	9 35
246	E E Brown.....	5 75
249	J B Holman.....	3 50
255	J A Tupper.....	4 05
288	K K Brackett.....	9 50
289	A W Judkins.....	5 50
299	Alex Holman.....	31 47
321	Henry H Luce.....	2 02

NO.		
330	A D Wentworth .....	\$ 3 00
332	R M Burnham .....	26 50
333	Alvah A Waite .....	3 67
334	Will Walker .....	3 84
335	Walter Wright .....	3 50
336	Albion Holman .....	7 88
337	Irvin Deane .....	3 50
338	G M Walton .....	2 50
348	Alvin Judkins .....	3 75
352	Floyd Holman .....	7 00
371	Ira O Babb .....	2 40
372	Will W Waite .....	2 05
373	Arno Howard .....	7 00
389	W H Scott .....	6 07
390	K K Brackett .....	12 50
391	Leon Newman .....	2 70
392	Neal Harlow .....	2 70
393	A Judkins .....	6 50
394	Jason Adams .....	4 50
395	Jesse Adams .....	4 50
397	E T Merrill .....	17 50
398	George T Porter .....	1 75
415	A D Wentworth .....	7 50
416	A D Wentworth .....	52 50
418	W O Babb .....	8 96
419	M T Howard .....	10 00
423	Fred Holman .....	7 75
424	Bert D Coolidge .....	5 71
427	Alex Holman .....	2 00
429	Berger Mfg. Co. ....	77 40
431	Myron Holman .....	8 75
432	W L Paul .....	18 46
433	R M Burnham .....	11 75
462	Carl Towle .....	3 50
465	D W Harvey .....	5 00
467	W F Drown .....	12 52
472	Fred Hannaford .....	2 89

NO.		
475	D M Torrey & Son.....	\$ 3 50
515	Irving Deane.....	3 25
516	W M Andrews .....	3 00
517	Albion Holman.....	4 38
518	Marion Douglass.....	4 37
526	C L Dillingham.....	14 29
529	H G Thayer.....	12 44
556	Frank Brown.....	6 50
559	Charles Towle.....	1 00
Total summer work.....		\$2,121 15

### Roads and Bridges (Continued)

#### ORDERS DRAWN (WINTER)

NO.		
1	E D Packard.....	\$19 33
2	J A Tupper.....	2 00
9	W O Babb.....	14 01
10	W H Ricker.....	1 20
25	George Whittemore.....	1 20
26	M E Gould.....	12 59
28	J B Holman.....	1 75
29	D H Holman.....	3 50
30	D D Holman.....	27 50
31	W C Hall.....	11 08
32	Alphonzo Whitman.....	23 58
33	H W Merrill.....	23 50
35	Joseph Hannaford.....	2 27
36	George W Hannaford.....	2 45
37	Fred Hannaford.....	10 95
41	Arthur Whittemore.....	4 37
42	A D Adams.....	3 50
49	Bert D Coolidge.....	4 42
50	W E Wright.....	8 40
51	A L Carlton.....	4 20



NO.		
53	Jason S Adams.....	\$24 95
54	D C Coolidge.....	7 02
55	W W Rollins.....	21 00
56	Alvah A Waite.....	17 88
57	R M Burnham.....	25 87
58	Albion Holman.....	15 20
59	Marion Douglass.....	31 58
60	Frank Holman.....	10 50
61	George E Wright.....	5 34
62	D E Smith.....	10 40
63	Walter H Smith.....	9 95
64	Charles C Smith.....	14 50
65	John Tucker.....	16 00
66	O J Coolidge.....	18 00
67	Harry Coolidge.....	9 65
68	Irving Deane.....	9 00
69	Walter Wright.....	1 75
70	Ralph Walton.....	8 12
71	G M Walton.....	12 17
72	E S Hiscock.....	2 96
73	D B Holman.....	12 00
74	W M Andrews.....	9 62
75	Peter Russell.....	16 92
76	George Lothrop.....	10 65
77	Elmer Flagg.....	15 72
78	Lee Blanchard.....	9 31
79	George Childs.....	15 20
80	Warren Smith.....	3 85
81	Alton Babb.....	2 63
82	Ripley Coolidge.....	10 33
83	William C Porter.....	5 52
86	George T Porter.....	2 35
87	E E Holman.....	2 70
88	J G Hutchinson.....	4 00
111	Bert Whittemore.....	1 75
114	William M White.....	9 10
115	Delmont Hall.....	14 35

NO.		
116	Charles Morse.....	\$ 2 63
117	J W Adams.....	21 20
140	O L Paine.....	33 65
141	W T Chandler.....	17 47
142	M L Walton.....	7 00
143	Alphonzo Whitman.....	1 75
176	Carl Towle.....	1 75
212	C F Porter.....	6 12
248	Bert D Coolidge.....	6 90
327	Charles Cummings.....	61
417	John F Grover.....	9 30
466	E T Merrill.....	5 00
467	W F Drown.....	7 05
478	P W Torrey.....	4 00
509	George W Chase.....	26 90
510	Fred W Morrison.....	6 50
511	Leavitt N Masterman.....	4 05
514	Will S Marble.....	1 95
519	R M Burnham.....	1 90
520	Alvah A Waite.....	3 00
521	W W Rollins.....	3 00
522	D B Holman.....	3 50
523	Peter Russell.....	3 27
524	A W Judkins.....	9 00
525	W O Babb.....	3 64
530	Holland & Andrew.....	1 60
560	M E Reed.....	4 00
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		\$ 796 08
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		\$2,917 23

### State Highway

Balance of old account.....	\$	600	00
Appropriation .....		400	00
Received from State.....		1,002	40
Transf'd from unappropriated funds...		72	32

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\$2,074 72

#### ORDERS DRAWN

NO.			
239	Henry C French, engineer.....	\$	15 00
241	W C Hall.....		22 05
247	E E Brown.....		12 87
251	H L Bruce.....		17 30
253	O L Paine .....		54 00
254	Bert Willoughby.....		50 17
256	J A Tupper .....		42 42
259	Orrin Dickey .....		9 00
260	Maynard Harlow.....		9 00
261	W H Scott.....		58 24
286	S A Russell.....		60 75
287	K K Brackett .....		150 25
290	A W Judkins.....		106 75
291	Charles Small.....		2 92
294	Charles H Towle .....		10 12
295	M McIntire.....		2 00
296	Bert Willoughby.....		28 35
297	L E Holman .....		26 32
298	Maynard Harlow.....		12 15
318	W C Hall.....		133 75
319	Ira O Babb .....		5 00
320	Bert Willoughby.....		4 05
322	Maynard Harlow.....		9 22
323	Harry Cote .....		5 65
324	Eugene Taylor.....		2 92
325	Willis Dunham.....		20 25
326	Charles Patnaude .....		7 20
328	Charles Patnaude .....		3 15

NO.		
329	A D Wentworth .....	\$213 00
331	W H Scott .....	50 85
341	W H Ricker .....	8 77
343	Guy Hutchinson .....	18 25
344	George W Brown .....	13 27
345	George Whittemore .....	6 07
346	J L St. John .....	4 40
347	Alvin Judkins .....	109 00
349	H L Bruce .....	6 40
350	C Macomber .....	11 32
351	G Hutchinson .....	11 82
354	Leland Austin .....	15 99
355	Charles H Rowe .....	123 52
356	J L St. John .....	6 82
358	K K Brackett .....	123 75
359	Maynard Harlow .....	11 47
361	Maurice Horn .....	56
362	Will W Waite .....	1 80
363	Harry Brown .....	13 45
364	Leon Newman .....	15 52
365	Ira O Babb .....	7 50
366	E T Merrill .....	8 00
367	Alfred Burgess .....	13 72
368	Leon Newman .....	2 47
369	Neal Harlow .....	14 85
370	A W Judkins .....	41 00
388	W H Scott .....	30 37
387	Ira O Babb .....	75 69
386	W O Babb .....	7 00
385	W O Babb .....	187 04
396	E T Merrill .....	9 00
429	Berger Mfg. Co. ....	31 20

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\$2,074 72

**Miscellaneous Town Charges**

Balance of old account .....	\$262 38
Appropriation .....	500 00
Received from State, account sheep killed by dogs, 1911 account.....	33 00
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	\$795 38
Paid W T Eustis, moderator .....	\$ 2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, town b'ks,	20 67
Holt Bros., town reports .....	51 00
George T Porter, ballot clerk, 1911 ..	3 00
Willis W Waite, stamped envelopes...	12 68
Elmer E Brown, gathering moths .....	20 15
Walter Holman, sheep killed, 1911 ...	4 00
John R Trask, rent of office, 1911.....	8 33
George W Dockham, night watch, July 3 & 4.....	4 50
Eugene L Torrey, ballot cl'k, June 17,	3 00
E E Brown, labor on Peru ferry and cutting bushes .....	21 87
Eugene L Torrey, ballot clerk, Sept. .	3 00
G O Gardner, vaccine points.....	25 00
George T Porter, ballot clerk, 1912 ..	9 00
W O Babb, watering tub .....	4 00
L R & W C Hall, sheep killed by dogs 1912.....	52 50
Walter M Holman, sheep killed by dogs, 1912.....	7 50
J S Sturtevant, M D, vaccinating.....	29 75
D W Harvey, sheep killed by dogs, 1912.....	22 50
D M Torrey & Son, sheep killed by dogs, 1912.....	12 00
Edwin Carter, sheep killed by dogs, 1912.....	10 00
W E Smith, sheep killed by dogs, 1912 .....	15 00
Valorus White, watering tub.....	2 25

Paid Holt Bros., reward notices .....	\$ 2 25	
J S Sturtevant, M D, reporting births and deaths and secretary board of health .....	12 50	
E L Torrey, ballot clerk, Nov., 1912,	3 00	
F W Sanborn, printing moth notices,	2 00	
Willis W Waite, stamps and env'ps...	2 33	
George E Moy, painting guide board,	1 00	
Will W Waite, ballot clerk, 1912.....	9 00	
V O White, M D, reporting births and deaths.....	2 50	
Will S Marble, ballot clerk, 1912.....	9 00	
Alvah A Waite, gathering moth nests, spring 1912 .....	4 00	
W M Pease, vaccinating.....	14 50	
W M Pease, reporting births and deaths .....	2 25	
Town of Peru, expense of ferry- one half of same.....	82 80	
Frank Brown, teams for truant offi- cer.....	4 00	
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		\$494 83
Unexpended balance.....		<hr/>
		\$300 55

### Support of Poor

Balance of old account.....	\$171 53	
Appropriation .....	400 00	
Received from Elisha Berry, ac- count Nellie Berry.....	5 00	
Transferred from unappropri- ated funds.....	41 12	
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		\$617 65

## ORDERS DRAWN

**Hiram Stone**

Paid W C Hall.....	\$101 00	
O V Merrill.....	60 55	
Charles Stanley's Sons.....	19 10	
G O Gardner.....	2 70	
W M Pease.....	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$190 10

**George Blake**

Paid W E Smith.....	\$151 20	
V O White.....	9 35	
Charles Stanley's Sons.....	3 75	
	<hr/>	\$164 30

**James McAllister**

Paid Albert W Smith.....	\$84 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 84 00

**Helen Washburn**

Paid city of Auburn.....	\$4 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 4 50

**Nellie Berry**

Paid town of Weld .....	\$15 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 15 00

**Millie Howard**

Paid E M Holman.....	\$51 00	
W M Pease.....	45 00	
W G Harlow.....	4 30	
Harry B Marsh.....	50 00	
Rev. R E Gilkey.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$155 30

**Tramps**

Paid Frank Brown.....	\$ 4 45	
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		\$617 65

**Unappropriated Funds in Treasury**

Balance old account .....	\$947 05	
Received from State, dog license refund, 1911 .....	81 56	
P Andrew, billiard room license.....	10 00	
H C Pratt, " " " .....	10 00	
Rumford Falls Trust Co., interest .....	8 33	
Robinson Bros., circus license.....	2 00	
Fred G Newton, fireworks license.....	1 00	
S V Harlow, auctioneer's license.....	2 00	
A J Marsh, " " .....	2 00	
State pensions .....	27 00	
State, account R R and telegraph tax....	20 00	
Overlay, 1912.....	583 82	
Supplementary tax.....	13 05	
Adolph Walters, moving picture license,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,717 81
Paid Lelia M Forster, outstanding time orders, No. 698- \$219.90 and No. 702- \$64.91.....	\$284 81	
Abatements, 1912 .....	59 85	
Transf'd to roads and bridges acc't,	417 23	
" " state highway "	72 32	
" " support of poor "	41 12	
" " state pensions.....	60 00	
" " dog license deficiency, 1911 .....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 945 33
Unexpended balance .....		<hr/>
		\$ 772 48



**Funds Held in Trust- \$1,650.00*****Eustis Fund- \$500.***

Balance of old account.....	\$134 00	
Appropriation, 1 yr's. interest @ 4% .....	20 00	
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		\$154 00
Paid Geo. W Dockham, order No. 167.....		7 00
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Balance.....		\$147 00

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***Rosena Cummings Fund- \$50.***

Balance of old account.....	\$23 00	
Appropriation, 1 yr's. interest @ 4% .....	2 00	
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		\$ 25 00
No orders drawn.		

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***Riverside Fund- \$1,000.***

Appropriation, 1 yr's. interest @ 4% .....	\$40 00	
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		\$ 40 00
Paid J M Holland, order No. 482.....	\$40 00	
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		\$ 40 00

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***H. M. Glines Fund- \$50.***

Appropriation, 1 yr's. interest @ 4% .....	\$2 00	
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		\$ 2 00
Paid J M Holland, order No. 483.....	\$2 00	
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		\$ 2 00

**T. B. Knowles Fund- \$50.**

Appropriation, 1 yr's. interest @ 4%.....	\$2 00	
		\$ 2 00
Paid J M Holland, order No. 484.....	\$2 00	
		\$ 2 00

**Greenwood Cemetery**

Balance of old account.....	\$110 12	
Rec'd from Mary S Greenleaf...	25 00	
"    "    Mary A Tainter.....	25 00	
"    "    Verdurina Ludden		
account of H D French.....	2 00	
Rec'd from Est. O L Paine.....	25 00	
Interest.....	4 77	
		\$191 89
Paid E B Willoughby, labor.....	\$ 9 00	
Hawkes & Hutchinson, painting fence,	71 00	
Samuel A Russell, labor.....	13 00	
		\$ 93 00
Balance.....		\$ 98 89

**Abatements (J P Edmunds) 1912**

## ORDERS DRAWN

NO.

1	Charles Adams, real estate- poor.....	\$10 50
2	Stillman Bishop, poll- not here.....	3 00
3	A E Blaisdell, poll- poor.....	3 00
4	Charles O Cummings, poll- left town.....	3 00
5	George W Hannaford, poll- poor.....	3 00
6	Elijah M Holman, poll- dead.....	3 00
7	Henry Holman, poll- not here.....	3 00
8	Guy Judkins, poll- not of age.....	3 00
9	Laforest Knight, poll- dead.....	3 00

NO.

10	Grover Merrill, poll- not of age.....	\$ 3 00	
11	Percy Mooers, poll- paid in Portland.....	3 00	
12	Frank Potter, real estate- in prison.....	1 05	
13	Arthur Pinkham, poll- paid in Harrison,	3 00	
14	Frederick W Smith, personal estate- paid in Carthage.....	4 20	
15	Guy E Webster, real and pers.- poor.....	5 10	
16	Ernest Weeks, poll- not here.....	3 00	
17	Bert Babb, poll- not here.....	3 00	
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			\$59 85

### Time Orders Due

Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00
Paid Hortense B Torrey, Order No.	
231 .....	\$1,000 00
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	\$1,000 00

### Interest on Time Orders

Balance of old account .....	\$117 00
Appropriation .....	600 00
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	\$717 00

Paid:

J P Johnston,	order No. 52.....	\$32 81
Lelia M Forster,	" " 171.....	17 70
Verdurina Ludden,	" " 187.....	20 00
J P Johnston,	" " 188.....	8 00
W G Harlow,	" " 189.....	20 00
E L Torrey,	" " 221.....	20 00
H B Torrey,	" " 222.....	20 00
Zerua E White,	" " 236.....	54 00
J P Johnston,	" " 292.....	32 81
Elmer E Brown,	" " 458.....	20 00

## Paid:

Lelia M Forster,	order No. 471.....	\$17 69
Verdurina Ludden,	" " 505.....	20 00
Zerua E White,	" " 508.....	54 00
G P Torrey,	" " 512.....	48 00
E L Torrey,	" " 537.....	20 00
P W Torrey,	" " 539.....	12 00
W G Harlow,	" " 541.....	20 00
Elmer E Brown,	" " 553.....	20 00
J P Johnston,	" " 554.....	8 00
Lelia M Forster,	" " 562.....	1 33
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		\$466 34
Balance .....		<hr/>
		\$250 66

### Interest Bearing Outstanding Time Orders

Issued by previous boards of selectmen.

Date	No.	
Nov. 16, 1907,	530	G P Torrey.....\$ 300 00
June 5, 1908,	102	McGregor Bros.,
(held by J P Johnston) .....		1,140 63
June 29, 1908,	142	Elmer E Brown, 1,000 00
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		\$2,440 63

Issued on account of temporary  
loan authorized at special town  
meeting, March 15, 1909.

Date	No.	
Apr. 1, 1909	608	G P Torrey.....\$500 00
" 1, "	609	J P Johnston..... 500 00
" 8, "	689	G P Torrey..... 200 00
May 20, "	695	G P Torrey..... 200 00
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		\$1,400 00

Issued on account of new school house.

Date	No.		
1909			
June 16,	103	Zerua E White.....	\$1,000 00
		Due July 1, 1919	
" "	104	W G Harlow.....	1,000 00
		Due July 11, 1915	
July 1,	108	Verdurina Ludden....	1,000 00
		Due July 1, 1916	
" "	109	J P Johnston.....	400 00
		Due July 1, 1914	
" "	110	Lelia M Forster.....	600 00
		Due July 1, 1914	
Aug. 3,	197	Zerua E White.....	1,000 00
		Due Aug. 3, 1918	
" 4,	199	Eugene L Torrey.....	1,000 00
		Due Aug. 4, 1913	
" "	225	P W Torrey.....	300 00
		Due Aug. 2, 1917	
" 25,	257	Zerua E White.....	700 00
		Due Aug. 28, 1917	
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			\$ 7,000 00
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			\$10,840 63

## Financial Standing of Town

### Liabilities

Outstanding int. bearing orders.....	\$10,840 63
Cemetery funds held in trust.....	1,650 00
Due town of Wilton, tuition com-	
mon school, estimated.....	240 00
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	\$12,730 63

**Resources**

Due from State, account sheep killed by dogs.....	\$ 118 50	
Due from State, acc't State pensions,	33 00	
"    Peru, account tuition high school .....	182 00	
Due for tuition common schools.....	30 00	
Tax deed, Lucius Packard, 1912 tax,	53 27	
Cash in treasury .....	2,536 47	
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		\$ 2,953 24
Net am't of liabilities.....		<hr/>
		\$ 9,777 39

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. HARLOW,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
FRANK BROWN,	
ALBION HOLMAN,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Dixfield</i>



# TREASURER'S REPORT



GEORGE WALTERS

Treasurer

— Dr. —

1912

Mar. 7,	To received of John S Harlow, treasurer 1911.....	\$ 3,934 30
Apr. 20,	Received from State treasurer, account damage to sheep in 1911..	33 00
" 20,	Received from State treasurer, account dog license refunded.....	81 56
" 27,	Received from Philip Andrew, for billiard license.....	10 00
May 4,	Received from H C Pratt, for billiard license.....	10 00
" 20,	Received from State treasurer, account public library.....	10 00
" 22,	Received from Rumford Falls Trust Co., interest on certificate of deposit.....	8 33
June 18,	Received from Susan Bartlett, for entering sewer.....	25 00
July 8,	Received from Fred G Newton, for fireworks license.....	1 00
" 8,	Received from Robinson Brothers, Uncle Tom's Cabin license.....	2 00
Sept. 13,	Received from Stillman Harlow, for auctioneer's license.....	2 00
" 14,	Received from F H Gilcreas, town clerk, dog license 1912.....	80 00
Oct. 2,	Received from Greenwood cemetery account bills paid by town orders Nos. 159, 177 and 179....	93 00
	Committment J P Edmunds, coll. taxes 1912.....	12,540 39
	J P Edmunds, coll. supplementary tax.....	13 05
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		\$16,843 63

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**1912**

May 18,	By paid Rosamond E. Waite, State pension, quarter end'g Mar. 31, 1912 .....	\$	9 00
" 24,	Paid Jane L Waite, State pension, quarter ending Mar. 31, 1912....		6 00
July 26,	Paid same for quarter ending June 30, 1912 .....		6 00
Oct. 1,	Paid same for quarter ending Sept. 30, 1912 .....		6 00
" 8,	Cash due from State on account of dog license refund.....		81 56
	Town orders paid and cancelled.....		7,658 04
	Amount due from J P Edmunds on account of uncollected taxes.....		8,887 67
	Paid E L Stetson, treasurer, balance of cash on hand.....		189 36
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			\$16,843 63

GEORGE WALTERS, *Treasurer.**By E. L. Stetson.*



**E. L. STETSON****Treasurer**— *Dr.* —**1912**

Oct. 10,	To received from Geo. Walters, treasurer, balance of cash on hand.....\$	189 36
Nov. 20,	Received from State treasurer on acc't school equalization fund....	99 42
Dec. 5,	Received from A J Marsh, for auctioneer's license.....	2 00
" 6,	Received from Adolph Walters, for moving picture license.....	10 00
" 23,	Received from State treasurer on account of State road.....	1,002 40
" 23,	Received from State treasurer on account of State pensions.....	27 00

**1913**

Jan. 3,	Received of State treasurer on account of free high school.....	500 00
" 10,	Received from State treas. on acc't of R R & telegraph tax.....	20 00
" 10,	Received from State treasurer on account of school and mill fund..	1,018 64
" 10,	Received from State treasurer on account common school fund....	869 88
" 10,	Received from State treasurer on account dog license refund .....	81 56
" 14,	Received from Elisha Berry on account support of poor .....	5 00
Feb. 4,	Received from town of Mexico on account tuition in common schools.....	115 00
" 4,	Received from same, account high school .....	30 00
" 4,	Received from town of Carthage, account high school.....	5 00
" 4,	Received from A H Hall, tuition common schools .....	15 00
" 4,	Received from W S McNamara account books and supplies .....	20 00

Feb. 4, To received from W S McNamara ac-	
count repairs.....	\$ 20 00
Received from J P Edmunds, coll.	
bal. due on tax committment	
for 1912.....	8,887 67
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	\$12,917 93

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### 1912

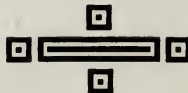
Oct. 31, By paid State treasurer on account of	
dog licenses.....	\$ 80 00
Dec. 5, Paid George M Atwood, treasurer,	
county tax for 1912.....	777 11

### 1913

Jan. 4, Paid Jane Waite, State pension for	
quarter ending Dec. 31, 1912.....	6 00
" 10, Paid State treasurer, State tax for	
1912 .....	2,103 46
" 17, Paid State treasurer on account of	
deficiency in dog license in 1911,	10 00
Feb. 4, Paid Rosamond E Waite, State	
pension for 3 quarters, ending	
Dec. 31, 1912.....	27 00
" 11, Tax deed from J P Edmunds, coll.,	
account tax of Lucius Packard,	53 27
" 11, Abatements allowed J P Edmunds,	
coll., on 1912 taxes.....	59 85
Orders paid and cancelled.....	7,264 77
" 12, Balance, cash on hand.....	2,536 47
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	\$12,917 93

E. L. STETSON,

*Treasurer.*



## Greenwood Cemetery

. E. L. Stetson .  
Trustee

1912

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Feb. 15,	By deposit in Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls Trust Co., book No. 237 .....	\$110 12
May 7,	Received from Mrs. C W Greenleaf for lot No. 126.....	25 00
Sep. 13,	Received from Verdurina Ludden on account of Henry D French.....	2 00
Oct. 1,	Received int. from bank to Oct. 1, '12,	4 77
" 5,	Received from Estate of O L Paine for lot No. 135 .....	25 00
Dec. 7,	Received from Mrs. W H Tainter for lot No. 137.....	25 00
		<hr/> \$191 89

— Dr. —

June 20,	To paid order No. 159, E B Willoughby..	\$ 9 00
July 2,	Paid order No. 177, Hawkes and Hutchinson.....	71 00
" 3,	Paid order No. 179, S A Russell.....	13 00
1913		
Feb. 12,	Balance on deposit in Dixfield Branch Rumford Falls Trust Co., book No. 237 .....	98 89
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E. L. STETSON,  
Trustee.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT



## Vital Statistics According to Returns Made to This Office to February 12, 1913

### MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES
March 9, 1912.....	Maurice N Morse Lelia E Wright
" 26, .....	Henry Clifford Luce Gladys Irene Knight
May 21, .....	Benjamin A Swasey Helen E L McLain
" 29, .....	Linwood P Knox Georgie E Pinkham
June 8, .....	Ralph R Bennett S Ethel Yeaton
" 29, .....	Erland C Torrey Daty L Dillingham
July 21, .....	Elmer E Darling Gladys Belle Whittemore
" 25, .....	Ray Billington Eldora I Abbott
Aug. 12, .....	Norman W Thurston Edith I Mooers
Sept. 11, .....	Leon Lee Knapp Zilla L Porter
" 24, .....	Burton K Murdock Florence M Thayer
Nov. 30, .....	Clyde C Burgess Wilma M Forst
Dec. 11, .....	Harold B Holman Agnes M Harlow
" 24, .....	Benjamin J Roberts Josephine A Oldham
" 25, .....	William H Whittemore Isabelle F Clarke
" 29, .....	Wilson L Brown Dorothy M Hayden

## BIRTHS

DATE OF BIRTH	PARENTS	SEX
Feb. 12, '12,	Mr. & Mrs. Walter E Wright,	Daughter
Mar. 27,	L O Collins,	Son
" 27,	E B Willoughby,	Daughter
Apr. 16,	Arthur C Weld,	"
May 21,	Sewal A Mayhew,	"
" 22,	Harry R Crockett,	"
June 30,	Arthur E. Whittemore,	Son
July 7,	William T Chandler,	"
" 22,	Guy O Gardner,	Daughter
" 29,	Charles C Smith,	"
Aug. 14,	Lovell Oldham,	"
Sep. 7,	Arthur N Stowell,	Son
Oct. 13,	Grover C Frost,	Daughter
Nov. 2,	Walter M Holman,	Son
" 14,	William N Pratt,	"
" 16,	Charles H Towle,	"
" 26,	William H Drew,	Daughter
" 30,	Arthur C Frost,	Son
Dec. 9,	L Linwood Haines,	Daughter
Jan. 4, '13,	Floyd A Newton,	Twin sons
" 24,	M Percy O'Brien,	Daughter
" 28,	Maurice H Horn,	"
Feb. 1,	Ellery C Austin,	Son
" 3,	Harry C Coolidge,	"

## DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE		
		yrs.	mos.	days
Feb. 14, 1912,	Andrew C Childs,	76	9	23
Mar. 2,	Mace E Greenleaf,	39	3	16
Apr. 7,	Melinda Davis,	84	8	29
" 18,	Lucy S A Richards,	70	7	2

## DEATHS (CONTINUED)

DATE	NAME	AGE		
		yrs.	mos.	days
May 2, 1912,	George Edwin Whittemore,	0	8	22
" 3,	Clarence H Severy,	66	9	25
" 3,	Laforest Knight,	55	10	28
July 3,	Morris A Wilson,	67	10	1
" 6,	Orson L Paine,	47	4	2
Aug. 23,	Elijah M Holman,	59	2	7
" 24,	Orland Avery Tucker,	1	4	7
Nov. 11,	Edwin Babb,	70	1	2
" 14,	Infant Towle,	0	0	0
Dec. 3,	Livona Holman,	68	4	18
" 6,	William H Tainter,	66	0	5
" 11,	Hollis B Nash,	0	2	21
Jan. 11, 1913,	Henry O Stanley,	83	9	20
" 16,	J E Washburn,	72		
" 18,	Harriett Edmunds,	95	2	19
Feb. 1,	Millie Howard,	65	9	23
" 3,	Joseph G Reed,	82	6	3

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**Dogs Licensed After April 1, 1912**

Number that were licensed, 64.

48 males,	@ \$1.00.....	\$48 00
12 spd females, @	1.00.....	12 00
4 females,	@ 5.00.....	20 00

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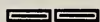
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Number killed or otherwise disposed of, 9:— 7 males, 1  
spd female and 1 female.

FRANK H. GILCREAS,

*Town Clerk.*

# **Report of the Superintending School Committee**



It is the pleasure of the School Committee to present to the citizens of Dixfield their Annual Report.

We shall need an appropriation amounting to seventeen hundred dollars (\$1,700.00) for support of Common Schools during the ensuing year. This amount includes the cost of instruction, conveyance, janitor service, fuel, lights and tuition.

We shall need for books and supplies for the ensuing year the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

We shall need for repairs the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

For the support of a "Class A" High School during the ensuing year, the town should vote to appropriate and expend the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Five hundred to be raised by the town. Under this class the town will be reimbursed by the State to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

There should be an appropriation of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for insurance.

The balance of the laboratory funds will be sufficient for the ensuing year.

For our proportion of superintendence we shall need to vote to expend the sum of two hundred and ten dollars (\$210.00). Mexico increasing the amount paid for superintendence making it necessary that the town pay sixty dollars (\$60.00) more than the town has raised in the past.

As there is an unexpended balance in the superintendence account of forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$46.25) the town will only have to raise for the ensuing year the sum of one hundred sixty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$163.75).

Respectfully submitted,

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WILL S. MARBLE,		
GEORGE WALTERS,		
		<i>Town of</i>
		<i>Dixfield</i>





# **Report of the Superintendent of Schools**



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In the upper grades, where it is so necessary to give a special and thorough drill to pupils preparing for high school, we were greatly handicapped, for Miss Davis had charge of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades with a total registration of thirty-six pupils. Such a condition was manifestly unfair to both teacher and pupils and when it became apparent that matters would be worse in the fall when each grade advanced and the new children would enter for the first time, the need of a different arrangement became imperative. Under the circumstances it

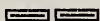
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was thought best to add another teacher to the staff, making a total of four and give each teacher two grades— Mrs. Lane to retain the primary, first and second grades.

Under the new arrangement it was necessary to have another room and after much deliberation it was decided to turn the upper hall into a school room. This was done during the summer vacation and the hall is occupied at present by the fifth and sixth grades under Miss Gladys A Luce.

The conditions in this new room are very undesirable as the teacher and pupils must be disturbed every half hour by classes passing from the high school room to the laboratory and also by pupils passing to and from the high school and the seventh and eighth grades. The light is very poor and it is very difficult to regulate the temperature. I trust that we shall not be compelled to keep the fifth and sixth grades in these temporary quarters for more than another year. At the present rate of increase an addition must be made to the building within a few years and the sooner it can be done, the better it will be for all.

While the arrangement in regard to using the upper hall as a class room is not desirable as a permanent one, nevertheless the result of employing an additional teacher has more than exceeded our expectations in one short term. The progress in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades is far in advance of what it was last year at this time and in another year, when all have adjusted themselves to the new conditions, the advancement will be even greater.

We were fortunate in being able to retain Mrs. Lane, Miss Deering and Miss Davis this year. No good ever comes of having new teachers every year as it takes a teacher practically a year to become accustomed to her work in new surroundings and under new conditions. The second year is always the year that a teacher begins to do her best work and each succeeding year makes her more valuable.

Mrs. Lane has been with us about five years now and her work needs no special mention from me, for we all realize just how valuable she is to us. Her work with the little people has done more to raise the standard of our schools through each successive grade than any one thing I know. I trust that she may be retained indefinitely.

Miss Deering is doing excellent work in the third and fourth grades. Although we have endeavored to relieve the congestion in this room, she has nearly fifty pupils in those two grades this year; but with a small entering class from Mrs. Lane's room we trust that conditions will eventually adjust themselves. This is Miss Deering's third year with us and we trust that we may have the benefit of her services for many more years.

Miss Davis' room at present contains twenty-four pupils and with only two grades she is able to devote a great deal of time to each pupil. The results here are very gratifying and show much improvement over last year. Miss Davis is a valuable teacher and is doing good work. We hope to retain her.

Miss Luce, the new teacher, is teaching under adverse conditions, but her grades are working hard and evincing much interest in their work. It is not possible to do the best work in this room, but Miss Luce is obtaining very good results and another year will show great improvement.

### **High School**

The high school opened in the fall with a registration of thirty-one, a large increase over last year. Such an increase is a sure indication of progress not only in the high school, but also in the grades as well, for it shows that the grades are reaching a standard of efficiency which results in all pupils receiving a sufficient preparation for high school instead of two or three each year. The above increase au-

gurs well for the future of our high school since it shows that the courses given there are meeting with general satisfaction on the part of parents and pupils and that a student in Dixfield High School now receives a course of training which *will* fit for college without any conditions whatsoever.

In connection with the above, I wish to call attention to the fact that the University of Maine last spring modified the entrance conditions so as to allow graduates of Class "A" high schools approved by the State superintendent admittance to the university without examination. It is a pleasure to state that Dixfield High School is in that class.

Mr. Cooper is working hard to have Dixfield High School approved by the New England Entrance Certificate Board so that graduates of our high school may enter any college in New England represented by that board. As this representation consists of nearly every college in our New England States, it can readily be seen what advantages would be obtained from such approval. We hope that a year from this spring we may be able to obtain a trial certificate.

The annual prize speaking contest between the high schools of Rumford, Mexico and Dixfield will take place sometime this spring and I would urge that greater enthusiasm be shown in this matter. We have excellent material here in Dixfield and there is no reason why we should not be represented. It is not the prize as much as the training and the benefits derived from the training that count and then again the recognition enjoyed by the fact that participants from our high school can compete on equal terms with students from other high schools, is of great value.

Mr. Cooper's work in the high school has been of inestimable value. The high school has grown and prospered during his regime and it must be apparent to everyone that we have been very fortunate in having a man of his ability



here with us. We trust Mr. Cooper will be with us again next year, but it is difficult to retain a man of his qualifications on the salary paid here.

Miss Drew has done excellent work in the short time she has been with us. She is thorough and up-to-date and we consider ourselves fortunate in having secured her services.

### **Rural Schools**

The rural schools have prospered during the year because of the fact that we have been fortunate in our choice of teachers and because pupils have taken a great interest in their work. The parents have been ever ready to help and have given the teachers any and all assistance necessary. The harmonious relations between parents and teachers in the rural districts is a source of great satisfaction, for it is very rarely that any complaints are made and the school work, as a consequence, is greatly encouraged.

The school at the Center kept for thirty weeks this year and I would suggest that the other rural schools be given the same number of weeks next year. Whatever may be said, there can be no substantial argument against this plan, for it means so much for each and every child in the rural schools. When we consider that in ten years, which is the average time a child spends in the common schools, the village schools keep sixty more weeks than the rural schools, it is plainly evident that the child in the rural school is more than two years behind the child in the village school. The school year should be the same length in the rural districts that it is in the village, but I would suggest a trial of thirty weeks first.

I do not wish to leave this subject without a reference to the consolidation of the Towle, Lancaster and Center schools. This subject has been discussed so much that there is no need of my adding to it, but I do believe that if the citizens in those three districts would advocate such a

plan, there would be no opposition from the people in other parts of the town.

### **Attendance**

The attendance has fallen off one per cent. during the past year, in spite of the fact that conditions have been ideal. There has been no sickness and the weather has not been severe, yet Mr. Dockham has had more to attend to in the way of attendance than ever before. This is a matter that we cannot be too careful about. In the fall term, for instance, there was a total registration of 217 pupils and an average attendance of only 187. This means that about thirty were absent every day. When we consider what it costs to maintain our schools it will be seen that we are wasting many dollars each day. This matter is clearly up to the parents and I would urge that greater pains be taken to correct this fault. I trust that the statistics for next year will show an attendance of over 90 per cent.

Mr. Dockham has been a very efficient truant officer. His experience in this position gives him a power that would be utterly lacking in a new man and I would ask that steps be taken to raise the truant officer's salary, for Mr. Dockham feels that he cannot do the work again for the small sum raised for that purpose.

### **Reports and Statistics**

The Dunn school has had an average attendance of less than eight during the past year. According to Sec. 2, Chap. 15, Revised Statutes of 1903, the school must be suspended unless the town votes to maintain it during the ensuing year.

An examination of ears and eyes conducted in accordance with Chap. 73, P. L. 1901 shows the following results:

Total number examined .....	200
Defective in sight .....	26
Defective in hearing .....	19
Parents notified .....	13



Following the superintendent's report are the reports of the high school principal, the truant officer, the statistical table of attendance, the teachers' directory and the financial statement. I would ask that these be given careful attention.

The school board, by careful management, succeeded in cutting down expenses last year so that the appropriations asked for were over \$1,000.00 less than the year before. This year the appropriations asked for will naturally be a little larger than last year as our unexpended balances are not so large, but the amount asked for will be only about two hundred dollars more than last year and over eight hundred dollars less than that of 1911.

### **Conclusion**

In closing, I wish to thank the teachers for their hearty support and the willingness with which they have followed out every suggestion I have made. The value of such support is evidenced by the great progress which has been made.

I wish to thank the citizens for the manner in which they have helped in all matters relating to the schools. They have been ever ready to co-operate with the teachers whenever called upon to do so and this fact has helped mightily to better the condition of the schools in this town.

Whatever progress is made in the schools of a community is due in a large measure to the school board. A school board composed of men who are interested in everything tending to promote the welfare of the schools, who keep themselves well informed of school legislation, and who are interested in every civic improvement naturally does more for the betterment of the schools than any other factor affecting school advancement. It has been the good fortune of the townspeople to have a school board composed of

three such men and it has been my pleasure to be associated with them in school work. Whatever has been accomplished is due entirely to their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. McNAMARA,

*Supt. of Schools:*

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**Report of the  
Principal of the Dixfield High School**

To W. S. McNamara,

*Supt. of Schools:*

It is with pleasure that I submit my second annual report on the work and conditions of the Dixfield High School.

The school year opened Sept. 10, with an enrollment of thirty in the high school. The seating capacity of the high school at that time was twenty-four. We struggled through six weeks with six pupils using chairs, but this was not conducive to good work or very much of it. Seats finally arrived and we were able to accomadate all the students under favorable conditions. During the term three students left school and one entered, making the total registration twenty-eight at the close of the term.

The average attendance for this term was very unsatisfactory, being only 24.85 or 85.7%. At first sight this seems extremely low, but if three students were removed a good average attendance would be shown. The reason for most of the absences was illness.

The winter term opened Dec. 31, with twenty-five registered. Since that time one student has left. The average attendance thus far this term is 94%.

In outlining the work done it seems fitting to give the course of study as last year's report did not contain one. It is as follows:

*College Preparatory Course*

*English Scientific Course*

FRESHMAN

English.....5 hrs.	English.....5 hrs.
Algebra .....5 "	Algebra .....5 "
Latin.....5 "	Phys. and Com. Geog., 5 "
Ancient Hist.....5 "	Ancient Hist.....5 "

SOPHOMORE

English.....5 hrs.	English.....5 hrs.
Plane Geom.....5 "	Plane Geom.....5 "
English Hist.....*5 "	European Hist.....5 "
Latin.....5 "	
French.....5 "	French.....5 "

JUNIOR

English.....5 hrs.	English.....5 hrs.
Latin.....5 "	English Hist.....5 "
Physics or Chem.....5 "	Physics or Chem.....5 "
French.....5 "	French.....5 "

SENIOR

English.....5 hrs.	English.....5 hrs.
Latin.....5 "	Physics or Chem.....5 "
French.....5 "	French .....5 "
Review of Math.....*5 "	Review of Math.....*5 "
Physics or Chem.....5 "	Solid Geom.....3 "

\*Optional

The above is the course as given at the present time with the exception of Solid Geometry. Occasional changes are made to meet the demands which often arise. This course of study is well balanced and gives the pupil who is fitting for college those branches of study required for entrance to college. For those who will not pursue higher education it gives an equal opportunity to become acquainted with those branches which are closely related to everyday events. Owing to the fact that the teaching force is made up of the principal and but one assistant all those branches cannot be taught in the best possible manner, but special attention is paid to the languages, science and mathematics.

It is the desire and ardent effort of the teachers to put Dixfield High School on a higher plane of education than it has ever been before. In order to do this, more work must be done by the pupil and the quality of the work must be better. I believe that the school at the present time has attained a higher standard than ever before in its history, although it is still far from the desired goal. In order to reach this goal we must have the hearty co-operation of the parents, especially in regard to home study which is the greatest problem we have to deal with.

The high school library now contains ninety-nine volumes and gives the students direct access to the works of many of the world's greatest writers and thinkers. The public library also makes possible for the students to get much valuable reading material.

The laboratory equipment has been increased during the year by some apparatus which aids materially in the chemistry work.

At the present time recitations have to be held in the laboratory and it is impossible to make the laboratory period in chemistry as long as it should be. This condition does not allow us to obtain the best results from our work

and we trust the time is near when we may have a recitation room in addition to the laboratory.

We are preparing an entertainment to be given in the near future and a drama to be given in May. The proceeds will be used in paying for the piano which the school league purchased. We ask the aid of every citizen in our efforts to pay for this piano.

The high school is very fortunate in having the services of Miss Adeline E. Drew who comes to us from Smith College. She has high standards and requires thorough work. The Latin, English and the history courses are taught by Miss Drew, while the remainder of the subjects shown in the course of study are taught by the principal.

In connection with this report I wish to invite the keenest interest of the citizens in the work of the schools. We invite their investigation and criticism of our work. In a large degree the future prosperity of, and the betterment of, social conditions in a community depend upon the education and training that the schools of the community afford and for this reason we ask that the interest of the community in its schools be increased.

Before closing I wish to call attention to the work done by Mr. Dockham in this building. He is untiring in his efforts to have every part neat and clean and there is never any complaint about the temperature, for he is here very early in the morning and does not leave until late at night. Such a janitor is very difficult to find and I hope that Mr. Dockham remains with us in his present capacity for many years.

In closing, Mr. Superintendent, I wish to thank you in behalf of the teachers and myself for your help and the interest you have shown in the welfare of the school and in the advancement of education.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKER M. COOPER, *Principal.*

## Truant Officer's Report

*To the Superintendent of Schools, Dixfield:*

I herewith submit the following report of my services as truant officer for the school year ending February 1, 1913.

No. of cases of absence from school investigated.....	100
No. of truants returned to school.....	40
No. of excusable absences .....	60

I was called to the Center district twice and Towle district once.

Respectfully yours,

G. W. DOCKHAM,

*Truant Officer.*



# Statistical Table of Attendance

## Winter Term Spring Term Fall Term

SCH001	Name of Teacher	No.	Average	Per cent.	No.	Average	Per cent.	No.	Average	Per cent.
<i>High</i>	Parker M. Cooper	22	20†	91.	22	21	95.	31	25	86.
<i>Gr. VII &amp; VIII</i>	Nellie G. Davis	36	33	91.	35	32	91.	24	22	91.
<i>Gr. V &amp; VI</i>	Gladys A. Luce							23	20	87.
<i>Gr. III &amp; IV</i>	Edna R. Deering	51	46	90.	50	44	88.	48	43	89.
<i>Gr. I, II &amp; Pri.</i>	Sara C. Lane	32	30	94.	35	34†	97.	31	28	90.
<i>Lancaster</i>	Mildred E. Walker	11	9	81.						
	Kathryn McDonald				13	11	84.			
	Blanche McIntyre							10	8†	80.
<i>Towle</i>	Ruby A. Towle	10	9	90.	11	10†	91.			
	Kathryn McDonald							6	5†	90.
<i>Centre</i>	Myrtle Smith	17	14	88.						
	Gladys A. Luce				23	19	82.			
	Ruby A. Towle							25	20	80.
<i>Dunn</i>	Mabelle A. Foye	6	5	83.	4	3†	80.			
	Aline M. Paul							9	8	88.
<i>Severy Hill</i>	Mary E. Hutchins	8	7	87.	11	10†	91.	10	8	80.
<i>Science Hill</i>	Ella W. Smith	5	4†	90.						
<i>Totals</i>		198	177†	89.	204	184†	90.	217	187†	86.

†Fraction  
Average for year, 88 per cent.



# Teachers' Directory, 1912-'13



Name	Address	School	Grade	Training	Salary	Elected
W. S. McNamara	Ridlonville					
Parker N. Cooper	Dixfield	Central	Supt. of Schools	University of Maine	\$1,200.00 per year	1911
Adeline E. Drew	"	"	Prin. High School	" "	756.00 "	1911
Nellie G. Davis	"	"	Asst. "	Smith College	432.00 "	1912
Gladys A. Luce	"	"	VII & VIII Grades	Kents Hill	11.00 " week	1911
Edna R. Deering	"	"	V & VI	N. New Portland H. S.	10.00 "	1912
Sara C. Lane	"	"	III & IV	Gorham Normal	11.00 "	1910
Blanche McIntyre	West Peru	"	I, II & Prim.	*Farmington Normal	12.00 "	1908
Kathryn McDonald	Dixfield	Lancaster	Rural	Dixfield High School	8.00 "	1912
Ruby A. Towle	"	Towle	"	Mexico High School	8.00 "	1912
Aline M. Paul	"	Centre	"	Wilton Academy	9.00 "	1911
Mary E. Hutchins	North Jay	Dunn	"	Dixfield High School	8.00 "	1912
		Severy Hill	"	†Bridgton Academy	8.00 "	1911

\*Partial Course

†Gorham Normal Summer School





# Financial Statement



ACCOUNT	Balance Mar. 1, '12	Appropriated Mar. 1, '12	Received from State	Received from Other Sources	Total Avail- able Funds	Total Expend- itures	Balance Unexpended
Common Schools	\$498.58	\$1,550.00	\$2,032.94	*\$130.00	\$4,211.52	\$3,977.85	†\$233.67
Books & Supplies	31.32	200.00		20.00	251.32	245.61	5.71
Repairs	276.50			24.86	301.36	218.28	83.08
Insurance	14.00				14.00	9.00	5.00
Laboratory	110.30				110.30	32.86	77.44
Superintendence	46.25	150.00			196.25	150.00	46.25
High School	312.80	500.00	500.00	† 165.00	1,477.80	1,254.42	223.38
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,289.75</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>	<b>\$2,532.94</b>	<b>\$339.86</b>	<b>\$6,562.55</b>	<b>\$5,888.02</b>	<b>\$674.53</b>

\*\$30. due from tuition

†Due town of Wilton for tuition, \$240. (estimated)

†\$182. due from tuition

# Warrant For Annual Town Meeting



STATE OF MAINE:

OXFORD, S. S.

To Joseph P. Edmunds, a constable of the town of Dixfield, in said county.

## *Greeting:*

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Dixfield qualified by law, to vote in town affairs to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield village in said town of Dixfield on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1913, being the third day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

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| Article 1st | To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.   |
| 2d          | To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.   |
| 3d          | To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.                    |
| 4th         | To choose a town Treasurer for the ensuing year.  |
| 5th         | To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Collector of taxes for the ensuing year. |
| 6th         | To see if the town will vote to choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.       |

- 7th To choose one or more members of the School Board.
- 8th To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.
- 9th To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 12th, 1913.
- 10th To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts for next year.
- 11th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of common schools, to purchase school books and supplies, to repair school houses, permanent school fund, to pay outstanding time orders due, to pay interest on outstanding time orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay hydrant rental, public library, to care for the poor, to repair roads and bridges, interest on cemetery funds and all miscellaneous expenses and defray all other charges.
- 12th To see if the town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the same.
- 13th To see if the town will vote yes or no upon the adoption of the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907 as amended by Chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1909, relating to the appropriation of money necessary to entitle the town to State aid for highways for the year 1913.

- 14th To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate in addition to the amounts regularly raised and appropriated for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the sum of \$400.00 being the maximum amount which the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Public Laws of Maine for the year 1907, as amended by Chapter 69 of the Public Laws of 1909, or such sum of money as it see fit.
- 15th To see if the town will vote to continue Union School District with town of Mexico.
- 16th To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.
- 17th To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the salary of the Union District School Superintendent for the united school districts of Dixfield and Mexico for the fiscal year 1913-'14.
- 18th To see if the town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn district.
- 19th To see if the town will vote to take and pay for four electric lights to be placed on the Dixfield Street of East Dixfield.
- 20th To see if the town will vote to accept of the town way as laid out by the Selectmen, commencing at a point opposite the house of A. D. Wentworth and running to the house of Willis W. Waite.
- 21st To see if the town will vote to enlarge Greenwood Cemetery and what sum of money if any the town will vote to raise to buy land for the same, or act in any way in relation thereto.

- 22d To see what sum of money if any the town will vote to raise for the purpose of fencing the Cemetery on Severy Hill or act in any way in relation thereto.
- 23d To see if the town will vote to fix the salary of the Truant Officer.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1913.

JOHN S. HARLOW, } *Selectmen*  
 FRANK BROWN, } *of*  
 ALBION HOLMAN, } *Dixfield, Me.*











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For the Year Ending February 12

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### CLERK

FRANK H. GILCREASE

### SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, AND OVERSEERS OF POOR

WM. M. KIDDER, ALBION HOLMAN,  
FRANK BROWN

### COLLECTOR AND CONSTABLE

JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS

### TREASURER

ELISHA L. STETSON

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

W. S. MARBLE, WM. W. WAITE,  
GEORGE WALTERS

### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

W. S. McNAMARA

### ROAD COMMISSIONERS

M. T. JUDKINS, R. M. BURNHAM,  
GEO. T. PORTER

### BOARD OF HEALTH

J. S. STURTEVANT, M.D.  
(Term expires 1914)

W. M. PEASE, M.D.  
(Term expires 1915)

# Report of Selectmen

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Report of the Selectmen of the town of Dixfield for  
the year ending February 12, 1914.

Value of Real Estate, resident,	\$360,965 00
Value of Real Estate, non-resident,	50,775 00

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Total Real Estate,	\$411,740 00
Value of Personal Est., resident,	\$122,275 00
Value of Personal Est., non-resid't,	15,400 00

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Total Personal Estate,	\$137,675 00
Total valuation,	549,415 00
Value of Land,	\$167,215 00
Value of Buildings,	244,525 00

## APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

For Common Schools	\$1,700 00
Books and Supplies	300 00
Permanent School Fund	45 00
District Superintendent	165 00
Payment of Time Orders due	1,000 00
Interest on Time Orders	200 00
Interest on Cemetery funds	66 00
Municipal Officers' salaries	650 00
Hydrant rental	300 00
Public Library	150 00
Support of poor	500 00
Roads and bridges	3,000 00
Miscellaneous charges	300 00
Free High School	500 00
State road	400 00
Electric lights, East Village	50 00
State tax	2,856 36
County tax,	787 44
Overlay	631 15

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Total appropriation	\$14,175 96
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Number of polls		330
Rate of poll tax		\$3.00
Rate of property tax		.024
Amount of poll tax	\$990 00	
Amount of property tax	13,185 96	
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		\$14,175 96

## LIVE STOCK STATISTICS

	No.	Av. value	Total value
Horses	286	\$76 03	\$21,775 00
Colts, 3 to 4 yrs. old	12	57 91	695 00
Colts, 2 to 3 yrs. old	7	33 55	235 00
Colts, under 2 yrs. old	5	31 00	155 00
Cows	379	26 24	9,945 00
Oxen	8	50 00	400 00
Oxen, 3 yrs. old	135	15 96	2,155 00
Oxen, 2 yrs. old	115	10 56	1,215 00
Oxen, 1 yr. old	141	5 35	755 00
Sheep	306	3 16	970 00
Swine	120	6 47	775 00
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Total value live stock			\$39,075 00

## ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	value
Bank stock, shares	94	\$8,350 00
Trust Co.'s stock, shares	85	8,400 00
Bridge Co.'s stock, shares	49	4,900 00
Money at interest		1,000 00
Stock in trade		17,550 00
Shipping		1,300 00
Logs and Lumber		18,185 00
	No.	
Automobiles	31	9,300 00
Musical instruments	79	5,775 00

Finished products in mills	16,225 00	
Electric light plant	2,500 00	
Other property	7,615 00	
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		\$98,600 00
Value live stock		39,075 00
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Total value personal property		\$137,675 00

## MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Balance old account		\$89 79
Appropriation		650 00
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No.	Orders drawn	\$739 79
264	J. P. Edmunds, collecting, part pay	\$100 00
420	J. P. Edmunds, collecting, part pay	100 00
436	G. W. Dockham, Truant Officer	25 00
499	Wm. W. Waite, member school board	10 00
500	Will S. Marble, member school board	10 00
518	George Walters, member school board	10 00
540	Elisha Stetson, Treasurer	75 00
541	Wm. M. Kidder, Selectman	75 00
542	Frank Brown, Selectman	65 00
543	Albion Holman, Selectman	60 00
545	J. P. Edmunds, collecting taxes	
	and services as constable and	
	dog officer, balance due	108 51
544	Wm. W. Waite, Town Clerk	17 95
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		\$656 46
Balance		83 33
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		\$739 79

## COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance old %,	\$233 67	
Appropriation	1,700 00	
Permanent School Fund	45 00	
Equilization fund	150 00	
Common School fund	943 82	
School mill tax	1,051 35	
Town of Mexico (tuition)	90 00	
Percy Childs (tuition)	50 00	
Transferred from High School	100 00	
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		\$4,363 84
Paid teachers' wages	\$3,162 81	
Janitor service	263 00	
Conveyance of scholars	450 00	
Fuel	367 45	
Grading	9 00	
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		\$4,252 25
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Balance		\$111 59

## FREE HIGH SCHOOL

Balance old account	\$223 38	
Appropriation	500 00	
Rec'd from Town of Peru	172 00	
Rec'd from State	500 00	
Rec'd from Town of Sumner	20 00	
Rec'd from Town of Peru	200 00	
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		\$1,615 38
Paid teachers' wages	\$1,176 99	
Janitor service	210 00	
Transferred to Common Schools	100 00	
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		\$1,486 99
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Balance unexpended		128 39



## LABORATORY

Balance old %	\$77 44
Orders drawn	17 55
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Unexpended balance	\$59 89

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Balance old account	\$5 71
Appropriation	300 00
Transferred to misc. town charges	3 00
Rec'd from W. S. McNamara	20 00
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	\$328 71
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Orders drawn	321 67
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Unexpended balance	7 04

## SCHOOL REPAIRS

Balance old account	\$83 08
Appropriation	100 00
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	\$183 08
Orders drawn	182 50
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Unexpended balance	\$ 58

## DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Balance old account	\$46 25
Appropriation	165 00
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	\$211 25
Orders drawn	210 00
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Unexpended balance	\$1 25

## HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Balance old account	\$22 63
Appropriation	100 00
Transferred from unappropriated funds	2 89

	<u>          </u>	\$125 52
Orders drawn		125 52

## SEWER REPAIRS

Balance old account	\$232 10
Rec'd from Ione Harlow (entrance),	25 00
Rec'd from John S. Harlow (entrance)	25 00
Rec'd fr'm Mrs. E. S. Taintor (entrance)	25 00
Rec'd from H. B. Marsh (entrance)	25 00
Rec'd from W. G. Harlow (entrance)	25 00
Rec'd from Geo. J. Brown (entrance)	25 00

           \$382 10

Order No. 310	Wm. M. Kidder	\$3 00
317	L. H. Humphrey	90
342	Geo. R. Wills	209 25
359	Iva O. Babb	7 55
360	Clark Foundry Co.	10 83
441	Clark Foundry Co.	6 57
516	J. P. Edmunds	1 75

           \$239 85

\$142 25

Balance	
Due from K. W. Billington (entrance)	\$25 00

## HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation	\$300 00
Order drawn	300 00

## MEMORIAL DAY

Balance old account	\$50 00
No orders drawn	

## DIXFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$150 00
Rec'd from State	32 50
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	\$182 50
Paid Dixfield Public Library	182 50

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS, EAST VILLAGE

Balance old account	\$25 00	
Appropriation	50 00	
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		\$75 00
Orders drawn		30 57
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Unexpended balance		\$44 43

## MISCELLANEOUS TOWN CHARGES

Balance old account	\$300 55	
Appropriation	300 00	
Rec'd from State % sheep killed by dogs	119 50	
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		\$720 05
Paid N. S. Stowell Co.	\$1 35	
Holt Bros.	60 00	
J. S. Sturtevant	16 00	
L. A. Waite	4 00	

Oxford Printing Co.	2 00
Loring, Short & Harmon	19 00
Loring, Short & Harmon	2 50
J. S. Sturtevant	10 00
Alonzo Whitman	7 50
Kidder Bros. % Chas. Howard while under quarantine	13 35
J. S. Sturtevant, M.D. attendance on Chas. Howard's wife while under quarantine	59 00
Transferred from common school % (electric lights)	19 32
W. M. Pease, M.D. (small pox)	10 00
Elmer Brown	8 00
Alvah Waite	9 00
Geo. W. Dockham	4 00
Department of Agriculture	153 28
Judkins Bros.	1 93
Susie E. Holman	7 50
Wm. W. Waite	1 00
Willis W. Waite	10 68
Oxford Printing Co.	2 00
Wm. M. Kidder	4 90
Willis W. Waite	2 81
Oxford printing	2 00
Valorus White	2 25
Warren Smith	7 50
Dixfield Light & Imp. Co.	1 05
Will Hall	30 00
Town of Peru	84 73
Transferred from common school %	10 86
Transferred from books and supplies	3 00
J. S. Sturtevant, M.D.	18 30
Geo. T. Porter (Ballot Clerk)	3 00
Will S. Marble (Ballot Clerk)	3 00
W. W. Waite (Ballot Clerk)	3 00
Geo. W. Dockham (Ballot Clerk)	3 00

Frank Brown (Tramps)	4 00	
V. O. White, M.D.	10 38	
Albion Holman	6 00	
Dixfield Light & Imp. Co.	2 30	
W. M. Pease, M.D.	3 50	
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		\$720 05
		626 99
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Balance unexpended		\$93 06

## SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Rec'd from Elisha Berry	10 00	
Transferred from unappropriated funds	7 20	
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		\$517 20
Paid on % Hiram Stone	\$192 36	
Geo. Blake	178 75	
James McAllister	84 00	
Chas. Adams	53 79	
Small pox	8 30	
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		\$517 20

FUNDS HELD IN TRUST \$1,650 00

EUSTIS FUND \$500 00

Balance old account	\$147 00	
Appropriation 1 yrs. interest 4 %	20 00	
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	\$167 00	
Orders drawn	38 44	
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Unexpended balance	\$128 56	

## ROSENA CUMMINGS FUND \$50 00

Balance old account	\$25 00
Appropriation 1 yrs. interest at 4 %	2 00

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\$27 00

No orders drawn

## RIVERSIDE FUND \$1,000 00

Appropriation 1 yrs. interest at 4 %	\$40 00
Paid J. M. Holland order No. 50	40 00

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## H. M. GLINES FUND \$50 00

Appropriation 1 yrs. interest at 4 %	\$2 00
Paid J. M. Holland order No. 502	2 00

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## T. B. KNOWLES FUND \$50 00

Appropriation 1 yrs. interest at 4 %	\$2 00
Paid J. M. Holland, order No. 503	2 00

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## GREENWOOD CEMETERY

Balance old account	\$98 89
Appropriation (enlarge)	300 00
Rec'd from W. W. Gammon lot No. 149	30 00
Rec'd from H. O. Rowe lot No. 155	30 00
Interest	3 96
Transferred from unappropriated funds	43 52

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\$506 37

Paid Henry Nelson (surveying)	57 25	
Herbert W. Beedy (cutting grass)	5 00	
S. A. Russell (helper)	7 00	
Winnefred Waite (for land)	250 00	
Wm. W. Waite, labor and lumber	80 91	
Wm. M. Kidder, labor on fence	21 00	
C. H. Small, labor on fence	14 22	
W. W. Gammon, labor on fence	14 75	
E. F. Taylor, labor on fence	14 00	
Henry G. Thayer	5 50	
L. A. Waite	6 66	
Judkins Bros.	3 00	
Wm. M. Kidder, paid for cutting and hauling posts	10 50	
C. L. Dillingham	14 18	
John S. Harlow	2 40	
		\$506 37

## TIME ORDERS DUE

Appropriation		\$1,000 00
Paid E. L. Torrey, order No. 428	\$1,000 00	

## INTEREST ON TIME ORDERS

Balance old account		\$250 66	
Appropriation		200 00	
Paid			\$450 66
J. P. Johnston,	order No. 110	32 81	
Verdurina Ludden,	order No. 217	20 00	
E. L. Torrey,	order No. 229	20 00	
W. G. Harlow,	order No. 230	20 00	
J. P. Johnston,	order No. 231	8 00	
Lelia M. Forster,	order No. 232	12 00	

P. W. Torrey,	order No. 233	6 00
Zerna White,	order No. 234	54 00
Elmer E. Brown,	order No. 235	20 00
G. P. Torrey,	order No. 236	24 00
J. P. Johnston,	order No. 313	32 81
E. L. Torrey,	order No. 427	15 78
W. G. Harlow,	order No. 430	20 00
Verdurina Ludden,	order No. 432	20 00
Lelia M. Forster,	order No. 435	12 00
J. P. Johnston,	order No. 442	8 00
G. P. Torrey,	order No. 489	24 00
Zerua E. White,	order No. 490	54 00
P. W. Torrey,	order No. 491	6 00

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\$409 40

Balance

\$41 26

## INTEREST BEARING OUTSTANDING TIME ORDERS

(Issued by previous boards of selectmen)

Date	No.		
Nov. 16, 1907	530	G. P. Torrey	\$300 00
June 5, 1908	102	McGregor Bros.	
		(held by J. P. Johnston)	1,140 63
June 29, 1908	142	Elmer E. Brown	1,000 00

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\$2,440 63

Issued on account of temporary loans authorized at special town meeting March 15, 1909.

Date	No.		
April 1, 1909	608	G. P. Torrey	\$500 00
April 1, 1909	609	J. P. Johnston	500 00
April 8, 1909	689	G. P. Torrey	200 00
May 20, 1909	695	G. P. Torrey	200 00

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Issued on account of new schoolhouse

\$1,400 00



Date 1909	No.		
June 16	103	Zerna E. White	\$1,000 00
		Due July 1, 1919	
June 16	104	W. G. Harlow	1,000 00
		Due July 11, 1915	
July 1	108	Verdurina Ludden	1,000 00
		Due July 1, 1916	
July 1	109	J. P. Johnston	400 00
		Due July 1, 1914	
Aug. 3	197	Zerna E. White	1,000 00
		Due Aug. 3, 1918	
Aug. 4	225	P. W. Torrey	300 00
		Due Aug. 2, 1917	
Aug. 25	257	Zerna E. White	700 00
		Due Aug. 28, 1917	
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			\$6,000 00
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			\$9,840 63

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Rec'd from Town of Mexico	56 43

## ORDERS DRAWN (SUMMER)

R. M. Burnham	\$10 50
Geo. H. Towle	2 00
Jason S. Adams	47 35
S. V. Harlow	14 00
Jason A. Adams	13 50
Leavitt Masterman	2 00
G. G. Stevens	4 00
Judkins Bros.	41 50
M. T. Judkins	11 00
Maurice Horn	11 00

Linwood Haines	21 00
Elmer Brown	2 00
Leon McIntire	2 00
Jason Adams	22 50
M. L. Walton	18 62
Fred Hannaford	22 50
M. T. Judkins	21 00
Judkins Bros.	119 25
H. W. Beedy	4 00
Victor Eastman	14 00
K. K. Brackett	27 30
Walter M. Holman	13 50
Henry Holman	1 75
H. L. Bruce	2 10
Arthur Weld	53 00
Joseph Hannaford	16 25
R. M. Burnham	138 44
Erwin Fuller	25 00
W. M. Andrews	7 25
Marion Douglass	55 13
Harry Coolidge	2 63
G. H. Knapp	7 91
Albion Holman	33 00
Walter Wright	31 00
O. J. Coolidge	19 25
Arthur Hiscock	7 00
Lee Blanchard	10 50
Alton Coolidge	12 25
Alvah Waite	41 00
D. B. Holman	54 00
Geo. Lothrop	5 75
Dennis Russell	59 25
Chas. Smith	8 75
Bert Babb	88
G. M. Walton	2 00
Ernest Morse (plank)	69 03
Geo. Hiscock	2 28
John Tucker	8 00

G. E. Carlton	14 00
Bert D. Coolidge	13 50
Chester Coolidge	5 25
S. V. Harlow	8 75
B. F. Berry	16 62
Ilus E. Chandler	8 00
Alex. Holman, plank	103 00
Alex. Holman, plank	34 21
O. O. Gould (E. A. Packard)	3 50
George T. Porter	80 00
Arthur Hiscock	1 00
C. H. Towle	4 78
Joseph Hannaford	8 75
W. M. White	6 50
Vern Young	15 00
Berger Man'fg Co. (Culvert Pipe)	94 40
Geo. T. Porter	30 00
Wm. F. Drown	37 00
B. F. Berry	9 75
Henry Luce	1 80
Judkins Bros.	46 00
Henry G. Thayer	11 17
Henry G. Thayer	13 09
A. G. Howard	5 40
W. C. Porter	6 30
Leon Knapp	3 50
Arthur Weld	14 00
Wm. F. Drown	5 38
W. H. Staine	7 00
Fred Morrisson	5 00
Walter E. Holman	1 75
Fred Weld	8 85
G. H. Towle	3 00
O. O. Gould	3 50
J. P. Edmunds	6 00
Alex. Holman	8 25
Walter M. Holman	6 00
C. H. Holman	4 33

C. L. Dillingham	5 15
Geo. T. Porter	59 64
A. Whitman	3 00
J. P. Edmunds	8 75
R. M. Burnham	9 50
Alvah Waite	6 00
D. M. Torrey & Son	3 00
W. M. White	2 00
C. L. Dillingham	1 70
John S. Harlow	2 00
G. P. Torrey	4 97
J. P. Edmunds	1 05

Total summer work

\$1,878 91

#### ORDERS DRAWN (WINTER)

E. F. Taylor	\$ 4 80
E. D. Packard	1 00
T. D. Packard	1 00
J. B. Holman	2 00
D. D. Holman	3 50
S. D. Rand	4 50
F. W. Whittemore	2 50
Ralph Walton	4 79
F. S. Savage	4 40
Marion Douglass	2 45
W. M. Andrews	2 50
Peter Russell	1 35
W. W. Rollins	5 00
A. A. Waite	3 00
Geo. Lothrop	2 85
D. B. Holman	7 00
Orrie Coolidge	5 75
Arthur Holman	7 40
L. C. Coolidge	4 00
Walter Wright	4 00

Chas. Whittemore	2 40
Walter Smith	2 52
Alton Coolidge	1 23
Chas. Smith	4 50
B. F. Berry	3 34
Joseph Hannaford	3 34
Albion Holman	4 00
D. E. Smith	6 60
Wm. M. Kidder	4 58
S. V. Harlow	4 00
M. L. Walton	2 95
C. N. Blanchard	11 87
Bert D. Coolidge	1 53
Ilus E. Chandler	3 20
H. E. Whittemore	1 51
J. P. Edmunds	1 35
John Grover	9 00
W. C. Porter	1 75
Walter E. Holman	2 95
Fred A. Weld	1 35
W. C. Porter	1 75
Judkins Bros.	19 00
E. D. Packard	6 41
J. G. Hutchinson	5 62
Judkins Bros.	7 50
Chas. Brown	1 00
Dell Coolidge	4 00
Darwin Holman	7 00
Arthur Holman	3 00
W. M. Andrews	5 25
Erwin Fuller	1 75
Dell Hall	8 50
John Tucker	1 00
Marion Douglass	4 50
Alton Coolidge	5 43
L. G. Blanchard	5 00
G. M. Walton	8 00
Chas. Smith	10 00

Walter Wright	6 00	
Clyde Wright	2 63	
Albion Holman	2 25	
Geo. Lothrop	5 25	
W. W. Rollins	16 00	
A. A. Waite	16 00	
R. M. Burnham	3 50	
Leavitt Masterman	1 95	
G. P. Torrey	3 49	
J. W. Adams	6 75	
Carl Towle	2 25	
Chas. Howard	1 50	
Kidder Bros.	1 25	
D. H. Holman	2 50	
Walter M. Holman	5 50	
Vivian Morrison	2 00	
Fred A. Weld	1 95	
Wm. F. Drown	2 07	
M. E. Reed	2 00	
Alex. Holman	1 10	
Walter E. Holman	2 00	
D. B. Holman	5 00	
Chas. S. Gould	5 00	
D. A. Adams	2 63	
B. E. Coolidge	1 15	
Ilus E. Chandler	8 05	
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	\$362 24	
		\$3,056 43
1913		
Dec. 5 W. C. Porter overpaid		1 75
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		\$3,058 18
Summer work	\$1,879 00	
Winter work	362 24	
Balance unexpended	816 93	
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		\$3,058 18

## DIXFIELD FIRE CO.

Transferred from unappropriated funds	\$63 00
Paid Dixfield Fire Co., order No. 467	\$63 00

## SEVERY HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation	\$75 00
No orders drawn	

ABATEMENTS (J. P. EDMUNDS) 1913  
ORDERS DRAWN

No.		
1	Wm. Pratt, poll, poor	\$3 00
2	Chas. Adams, real estate, poor	12 00
3	Geo. Ayotte, poll, paid in Kingfield	3 00
4	A. E. Blaisdell, poll, poor	3 00
5	Chas. Chubb, poll, sick	3 00
6	Emery Cox, poll, paid in Canton	3 00
7	Victor Cox, poll, paid in Wilton	3 00
8	Lee Dresser, personal property, fire	4 20
9	Chas. Greenleaf, poll, soldier	3 00
10	Geo. W. Hannaford, poll, out of town	3 00
11	Fred Masterman, poll, pd. in Phillips	3 00
12	Geo. L. Merrill, Admr., personal property sold	4 80
13	Fred W. Morrison, personal property, error	12 96
14	Fred Savage, personal property, bankruptcy	3 85
15	Guy Webster, personal property, poor	2 40
16	E. L. Weeks, real estate, error	14 40
17	Arthur Whittemore, poll, paid in Mexico	3 00
18	A. C. Conant, personal property, out of town	7 80
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		\$92 41

## UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN TREASURY

Balance old account	\$772 48	
Rec'd from State (pensions)	33 00	
A. J. Marsh (Auctioneer's license)	2 00	
S. L. Hammons (billiard license)	10 00	
Adolph Walters (mov. pictures)	10 00	
A. M. Judkins (Innholder)	1 00	
Railroad and telegraph tax	20 00	
Dog License (Refund)	60 24	
Overlay	631 16	
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		\$1,539 88
Transferred from High School Building	\$2 89	
Dixfield Fire Co.	63 00	
Poor account	7 20	
Greenwood Cemetery	43 52	
Insurance %	53 50	
Abatements	92 41	
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		\$262 52
Balance		\$1,277 36

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

## LIABILITIES

Outstanding int. bearing orders	\$9,840 63
Cemetery funds held in trust	1,650 00
Due town of Wilton, tuition common schools, estimated	275 00
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	\$11,765 63

## RESOURCES

Due from State, account sheep killed by dogs	\$45 00
Due from State, % State pensions	51 00



Due from town of Carthage, % tuition	50 00
Tax deed, Lucius Packard, 1912 tax	53 27
Cash in treasury	3,303 45

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\$3,542 77

Net am't of liabilities

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\$8,222 91

Respectfully submitted,  
 WM. M. KIDDER,  
 FRANK BROWN,  
 ALBION HOLMAN,

*Selectmen of Dixfield.*

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS.

STATE OF MAINE

To JOSEPH P. EDMUNDS, a Constable of the Town of Dixfield, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Dixfield, qualified by Law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Tuscan Opera House in Dixfield Village on the first Monday of March, A. D. 1914, being the second day of March, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:—

- ART. 1 To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- ART. 2 To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
- ART. 3 To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- ART. 4 To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- ART. 5 To establish a rate for collecting taxes and to choose a Tax Collector.
- ART. 6 To see if the town will choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.
- ART. 7 To choose one or more members of the School Board.
- ART. 8 To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

- ART. 9 To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal officers for the year ending Feb. 12, 1914.
- ART. 10 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to transfer unexpended balances of appropriations from the past fiscal year to the same accounts for next year.
- ART. 11 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance and support of Common Schools, to purchase School Books and Supplies, to repair Schoolhouses, Permanent School Fund, to pay outstanding time orders due, to pay interest on outstanding time orders, to pay Municipal Officers, including Selectmen, Treasurer, Clerk, Tax Collector, Constable, School Committee, Truant Officer, Dog Constable, to pay Hydrant rental, Public Library, to care for the Poor, to repair Roads and Bridges, interest on Cemetery Funds, to raise money for Fire Protection, and all miscellaneous expenses and defray all other town charges.
- ART. 12 To see if the town will vote to continue the Class "A" of Free High School and how much money the town will vote to raise for the support of the same.
- ART. 13 To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State aid, as provided in section 20 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.
- ART. 14 To see if the town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$533.00 for the improvement of the section of State aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges; the above amount being the maximum amount which the town is allowed

to raise under the provisions of section 19 of chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

- ART. 15 To see if the town will vote to continue the Union School District with the town of Mexico for a period of three years.
- ART. 16 To see if the town will vote to continue the school in the Dunn district.
- ART. 17 To see if the town will vote to continue the school in the Severy Hill district.
- ART. 18 To see if the town will vote to continue the school in the Lancaster district.
- ART. 19 To see if the town will vote to continue the school in the Towle district.
- ART. 20 To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the proper observance of Memorial Day.
- ART. 21 To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to pay the salary of the Union District School Superintendent for the united school district of Dixfield and Mexico for the fiscal year 1914-15.
- ART. 22 To see how much money the town will vote to raise to pay for Street Lights at East Dixfield.
- ART. 23 To see if the town will vote to raise one hundred dollars, or any part thereof for building a fence on the west side of Riverside Cemetery.
- ART. 24 To see if the town will vote to allow the Riverside Cemetery Association to charge a reasonable price for burying lots to all people not residents of the town.
- ART. 25 To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to pay the chairman of the Selectmen above what he already receives.
- ART. 26 To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$50.00 to build a fence on the road side of the Dunn Cemetery.
- ART. 27 To see if the town will vote to purchase the old Fair Ground building, so called, and raise money to pay for the same.

ART. 28 To see if the town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Municipal Officers.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at Tuscan Opera House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Dixfield, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1914.

WM. M. KIDDER,  
FRANK BROWN,  
ALBION HOLMAN,

*Selectmen of Dixfield.*

A true copy.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

*Constable of Dixfield.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

E. L. STETSON, *Treasurer.*

1913	DR.	
Feb. 12	To cash balance from old account	\$2,536 47
Feb. 12	To tax deed, Lucius Packard	53 27
Feb. 12	To cash from Town of Peru, account of tuition High School 1912	172 00
Feb. 28	To cash from Elisha Berry, account of support of poor	10 00
March 31	To cash from State Treas., for state pensions paid in 1912	33 00
April 8	To cash from A. J. Marsh, auctioneer's license	2 00
May 7	To cash from Seth Hammons, billiard license	10 00
May 10	To cash from Adolph Walters, moving picture license	10 00
June 17	To cash from Ione Harlow, entering sewer	25 00

June	24	To cash from A. N. Judkins, inn-keeper's license	1 00
June	24	To cash from State Treas., acc't Public Library	12 50
June	26	Ditto	20 00
July	15	To cash from John S. Hariow, entering sewer	25 00
Aug.	20	To cash from F. H. Gilcrease, Town Clerk, account of dog licenses	83 00
Aug.	29	To cash from State Treas., account of sheep killed by dogs in 1912	119 50
Oct.	6	To cash from Mrs. E. S. Tainter, entering sewer	25 00
Nov.	5	To cash from State Treas., account school equalization fund	100 00
Dec.	11	To cash from W. C. Porter, overpaid on road work	1 75
Dec.	26	To cash from State Treas., account of free High School	500 00
1914			
Jan.	7	To cash from State Treas., account of school equalization fund	50 00
Jan.	27	To cash from W. S. McNamara, books and supplies	20 00
Jan.	27	To cash from Town of Sumner, tuition High School	20 00
Jan.	27	To cash from State Treas., account of common school fund	943 82
Jan.	27	To cash from State Treas., account school and mill fund	1,051 35
Jan.	27	To cash from State Treas., account Railroad and Telegraph tax	20 00
Jan.	27	To cash from State Treas., account of refund on dog licenses	60 24
Feb.	2	To cash from Mrs. Percy Childs, tuition common schools	20 00
Feb.	2	To cash from H. B. Marsh, entering sewer	25 00

Feb.	2	To cash from W. G. Harlow, entering sewer	25 00
Feb.	4	To cash from Town of Mexico, tuition common schools	90 00
Feb.	4	To cash from Mrs. Percy Childs, tuition common schools	30 00
Feb.	5	To cash from Geo. J. Brown, entering sewer	25 00
Feb.	10	To cash from Town of Mexico, for one-half cost of planking Webb River bridge	56 43
Feb.	10	To cash from Trustee's account of Greenwood cemetery	102 85
Feb.	10	To cash from W. W. and W. P. Gammon for lot No. 149 in Greenwood Cemetery	30 00
Feb.	13	To cash from Town of Peru, account tuition in High School	200 00
Feb.	13	To cash from H. O. Rowe, lot in Greenwood Cemetery	30 00
		To tax commitment 1913, J. P. Edmunds, Coll.	14,175 96
Total debits			<hr/> \$20,715 14

## CREDIT

1913			
June	13	By paid Rosamond Waite, State pension first quarter	9 00
July	10	By paid same, second quarter	9 00
Aug.	20	By paid State Treas., acc't dog licenses 1913	83 00
Sept.	26	By paid Geo. M. Atwood, County Treas., County tax for 1913	787 44
Oct.	9	By paid Rosamond Waite, State pension third quarter	9 00
1914			
Jan.	7	By paid same, fourth quarter	24 00

Jan.	27	By paid J. W. Simpson, State Treas., account of State tax	2,856 36
Feb.	13	By paid order No. 546 for abatements granted J. P. Edmunds, Coll. 1913	92 41
Feb.	13	By orders paid and cancelled	13,488 21
Feb.	13	By tax deed, Estate of Lucius Packard	53 27
Feb.	13	By cash in hands of Treas.,	3,303 45
Total credits			\$20,715 14
E. L. STETSON, <i>Treasurer.</i>			

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Vital Statistics according to returns made to this office to February 12, 1914.

### MARRIAGES

Date	Names
1913	
April 5	Carroll E. Carlton Velma M. Irish
April 30	Leo G. Torrey Mary M. Lam
June 4	Luther M. Hodsdon Grace P. Diehl
June 7	George M. Rose Edna A. Porter
July 1	Clarence G. Ellis Mrs. Bell Pinkham
July 23	Ransom E. Gilkey Chestina Marsh Edwards
Aug. 23	Fred L. Ladd Gertrude M. Dum
Sept. 1	Frank M. Owen E. Gertrude Harlow
Nov. 21	Orrie J. Coolidge Florence M. Brown
Nov. 22	George B. Easter Hattie E. Campbell



Dec. 6 Sumner W. Bean  
Jennie C. Abbott

## BIRTHS

Date of Birth	Parents	Sex
1913		
Feb. 12	Edwin T. Merrill	Daughter
Feb. 23	Jesse W. Adams	Son
Mar. 5	Ray Billington	Son
Apr. 21	Fred A. Whittimore	Daughter
Apr. 21	J. Freeman Brown	Daughter
May 18	Orlando A. Bisbee	Daughter
June 25	Guy W. Judkins	Son
June 28	Delmont A. Adams	Daughter
June 29	George Lothrop	Son
July 28	Percy E. Ford	Son
July 29	Ralph Rose Bennett	Daughter
Aug. 3	Verdell Holman	Son
Aug. 7	Isaac H. Beals	Son
Aug. 15	Arno G. Howard	Son
Aug. 19	Clifford C. Whitney	Son
Sept. 7	Mertis L. Walton	Son
Sept. 10	Harold B. Holman	Son
Sept. 25	Wallace F. Holman	Son
Oct. 29	William C. Hall	Daughter
Nov. 5	George Gillmore Stevens	Daughter
Nov. 10	Fred Sumner Savage	Daughter
Nov. 18	Elleson E. Darling	Son
Dec. 1	Fred H. Hawkes	Daughter
1914		
Jan. 20	Arthur N. Stowell	Daughter

## DEATHS

Date	Name	yrs.	mos.	days
1913				
Feb. 6	Bessie E. Jepson	30	10	0
Feb. 11	Mason H. Turner	76	2	14
Mar. 6	Mary E. Hannaford	92	0	0
Mar. 18	Barbara Faith Gardner	0	7	24



Apr. 6	Sewell Littlefield	82	10	21
May 5	Charles F. Rollins	57	5	3
May 31	Roscoe Ferdinand Babb	64	1	25
June 25	Orin Brainerd	65	3	23
July 28	Charles M. Smith	84	11	29
Aug. 19	George E. Wright	62	2	7
Sept. 3	Densmore Marble	80	4	0
Sept. 13	Kathleen Kidder	0	5	1
Oct. 10	Mandana M. Eustis	82	8	5
Oct. 27	Mary H. Mitchell	68	9	18
Nov. 4	Fannie E. Trask	45	10	22
Nov. 11	Justice Macomber	88	0	15
Nov. 29	Emiline Sinnett	74	8	19
Dec. 25	Kenneth Floyd Holman	0	3	0
1914				
Jan. 20	Phillip W. Rollins	14	5	16

#### DOGS LICENSED AFTER APRIL 1, 1913

Number that were licensed, 67.

52 males	@ \$1.00	\$52 00
11 spd. females	@ 1.00	11 00
4 females	@ 5.00	20 00
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		\$83 00

Number killed or otherwise disposed of, 5—3 males, 2 females.

WILLIAM W. WAITE,  
*Town Clerk.*

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

It is the pleasure of the School Committee to recommend the following appropriations for the support of schools during the ensuing year.

We shall need an appropriation amounting to twenty-three hundred dollars (\$2,300.00) for the support of Common Schools. This amount includes the cost of instruction, janitor service, fuel, conveyance and tuition.

This amount exceeds the appropriation for 1913, due to a necessary increase in teachers' salaries, and to the Committee's desire to increase the length of the school year in the rural districts to 30 weeks. The length of the school year now being 26 weeks.

We shall need for books and supplies for the ensuing year the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

We shall need for repairs the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00).

For insurance we shall need the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175.00).

We shall need for lights in the High School Building the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00).

For our proportion of superintendence during the ensuing year we shall need the sum of two hundred and ten dollars (\$210.00).

For the support of a "Class A" High School during the ensuing year, the town should vote to appropriate and expend the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Five hundred to be raised by the town. Under this class the town will be reimbursed to the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Respectfully submitted,  
WILLIAM W. WAITE,  
GEORGE WALTERS,  
WILL S. MARBLE,

*School Committee, Town of Dixfield.*

*To the Superintending School Committee, Dixfield:*

It is my pleasure to submit for your consideration my third annual report as Superintendent of the Public Schools of Dixfield.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

Last year it was necessary to use the upper hall in the high school building to relieve the congestion in the intermediate and grammar grades. To do this we were obliged to hire another teacher and give her the fifth and sixth grades, thus relieving congestion somewhat but, as was stated in

last year's report, the conditions in this upper hall are not at all favorable. The teacher and pupils must be disturbed every half-hour by classes passing from the high school room to the laboratory, and also by pupils passing to and from the high school and the seventh and eighth grades; the light is very poor and it is difficult to regulate the temperature. Notwithstanding these undesirable features, the work of the grades went on much more rapidly and there was general satisfaction, in view of the fact that the arrangement would be only temporary. This year, however, the space in the hall is overcrowded and we feel that better accommodations must be had at once, especially since the high school is overcrowded also.

The high school room is capable of accommodating about thirty students and this year it has been necessary to crowd forty-five students into the room. With a good prospect of an increase in attendance next year it is apparent that some measures must be taken to relieve the congestion, for there is every outlook of increasing attendance in our high school from year to year, and it is simply an impossibility to accommodate any more students under the present conditions.

I would suggest that a two-room addition be made to the building, so that we can accommodate the fifth and sixth grades in one room and the overflow from the high school in the other. Such an addition would be sufficient for many years to come and would give much more satisfaction to all concerned, than does the present unsuitable arrangement.

It may be argued that our increase in the high school is due to the large number of students from other towns, who pay tuition, and that we could get along without an addition if we refused to take out-of-town students. This can be readily answered by the statement that it is necessary now to make different arrangements for our grades which are overcrowded, and it will be necessary to build on an addition whether or not we take the high school into consideration. Then again the money received

from tuition would more than pay the interest on an amount sufficient to build an addition large enough to relieve the congestion in both grades and high school.

This matter must be given attention and one visit to our school building will convince even the most skeptical that something must be done and at once, for it will be utterly impossible, another fall, to take care of the school children with the present accommodations.

## COMMON SCHOOLS

Our common schools opened last fall with but one change in the teaching force, a fact which speaks well for the schools of the town. It must be generally understood that it is detrimental to any public school system to have an entire change of teachers each year, for a teacher is just getting a fair start at the end of her first year. She has become acquainted; she begins to know intimately each boy or girl committed to her care, and she understands their strong points as well as their weak ones. It is obviously better, then, to have with us teachers who have been connected with our schools for a number of years and the fact that in Dixfield most of our teachers have been with us three years and one five years, shows that our schools must be making some progress.

A course in music was added to the curriculum at the beginning of the present school year and the results are even now apparent. Music trains one of the most important senses to fineness of discrimination; and it enriches culture by giving enjoyment and by affording full expression to feelings which would otherwise be dumb. Musical culture is a part of a complete education, giving to the individual additional power and means of enjoyment, and this culture is certainly a legitimate part of school work, Miss McCrum, who has charge of this department, is working hard to bring about a condition of grading in the work, but this will take some time as we have never before had a systematic course of training in this line.

It is a pleasure to state that our teachers are all doing excellent work. They have exhibited a genuine interest in everything tending to promote the welfare of the schools, and are always very willing to adopt any suggestions made to them. Their relations with each other constitute one of the most pleasant features of the work here, and the spirit of harmony that pervades the entire building augurs well for the schools and school work.

## HIGH SCHOOL

We were extremely fortunate in being able to retain Mr. Cooper this year. This is Mr. Cooper's third year with us and his services grow increasingly valuable each year. Under his administration the attendance has increased over one hundred per cent and the standard of work has grown better each year. I trust that we can keep him with us many more years.

It is seldom that an inexperienced teacher grasps the situation and works as efficiently as Miss Connor does. She has done a great deal to raise the standard of excellence in her departments and is a valuable help to Mr. Cooper in everything pertaining to high school work. We are very anxious to retain her.

Last year at the prize speaking contest held at Mexico, in which the high schools of Rumford, Mexico and Dixfield competed, Miss Florence Duplisa won the first prize. This brings the cup to Dixfield High School for one year and it must be won three times before it becomes the property of the school. It is a source of much gratification to have a member of our high school bring such recognition to her school, and it speaks well for the progress our high school is making, not alone in strictly high school work, but in outside activities which do so much to create an appreciative interest in the school and in efforts made for its betterment.

It has been customary in many high schools throughout the state for the graduating class to take a trip to Wash-

ington, D. C., usually during the spring recess. Such a trip has great educational value since it brings the student into contact with many of the activities of everyday life, gives him a better idea of the manufacturing and commercial advantages of our larger centers of population, and brings him closer to the problems of our complex civilization of the present day. Travel is education, and surely a trip to our capital at Washington, combining as it does educational and sentimental values, must inspire the student to a better realization of what our great country is and what is due from each one of us as one of its citizens.

## RURAL SCHOOLS

The rural schools in town have just completed a most successful term, and I believe they are the best they have been in years. We were very fortunate in our choice of teachers, for they have been very anxious to become thoroughly acquainted with school work and have been very willing to follow out any suggestions or ideas given to them.

This year the rural teachers have adopted the same method of keeping plans of work as are used by the teachers in the village and are using the same method in reading. In order to become better acquainted with new methods of reading, etc., each teacher took a visiting day which was spent at the Central Building in the village. Here they had an opportunity of watching the work and getting ideas from older teachers. In addition to the above each rural teacher is now taking one or more teachers' magazines and a great deal of the added interest displayed in the work may be traced to this source.

It is planned to have the school year in the rural districts increased to thirty weeks. It is manifestly unfair to have a school year of thirty-six weeks in the village and only twenty-six weeks in the rural districts, and with this in mind the school committee has decided to make the



change. It is to be hoped that greater benefits will be derived from such increase; that the children will be inspired to better attendance and better work, and the parents to closer co-operation with the teacher in all that makes for better schools.

## ATTENDANCE

The attendance this year shows the same percentage as that of last year, which is rather low for a town like Dixfield. Conditions have been ideal and we are still unable to gain the desired increase to over 90 per cent. There is no reason why the attendance in our schools should be as low as 88 per cent and if the parents could realize just what it means, financially as well as from an educational standpoint, they would exercise more care in the matter.

Children who do not attend regularly fall behind in their work, for they cannot possibly keep up with their respective grades, when they are absent so much, and they increase the teacher's work because such children must receive special attention and be given special lessons until they are able to keep up with the regular work of the grade. In most instances the parents who complain that their children are not getting ahead fast enough will blame the teacher and the school system when the fault is due entirely to the parents' lack of interest in the child's education. If we wish our schools to reach the highest standard of efficiency, we must have better attendance.

Mr. Dockham makes an ideal truant officer, for he is intimately acquainted with most of the children and knows just what steps to take to see that there is no truancy. His position at the school building makes him a most desirable man for the position, for he is on hand at all times during the day ready for call. I trust that he may continue in his present capacity for many years, for he is the right man for the right place.

## REPORTS AND STATISTICS

The Lancaster, Dunn, Severy Hill and Towle schools have each had an average attendance of less than eight during the past year. According to Section 2, Chapter 15, Revised Statutes of 1903, these schools must be suspended unless the town votes to maintain them during the ensuing year.

Following the superintendent's report are the report of the high school principal, the supervisor of music, the truant officer, the statistical table of attendance, the teachers' directory and the financial statement. I would ask that these be given careful attention.

This year the appropriations asked for will be several hundred dollars more than was asked for last year. This is due to the fact that we are increasing the length of the school year in the rural districts and to the fact that we have been obliged to pay higher salaries in the rural schools and in the village. A casual glance over the reports of the past few years will show that in 1912 we made the appropriations over \$1,000.00 less than the year before and that this year, although there is an increase, the amount asked for is less than the amount raised in 1911.

## CONCLUSION

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation of the manner in which the teachers have supported me. Every suggestion or idea met with hearty approval and indorsement from them and I feel that we owe them a great deal for the progress which has been made.

The citizens have been ever ready to help the work of the schools by co-operating in every way with the teachers and the school officials. The encouragement of their support has been of great benefit to all connected with the schools and I trust that the same friendly spirit of co-operation may continue.



I wish to thank the members of the school board for the manner in which they have assisted me in my work. Their help has been of inestimable value to me to all times. It is to them that we owe, in a great measure, the present progress and prosperity of our schools, for they have labored with unceasing persistence in performing the various duties of their office, and to-day, throughout the whole school system, the results they have accomplished are apparent.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. S. McNAMARA.

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## REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF DIXFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

### *To the Superintendent of Schools:*

In this, my third annual report of the high school, I shall endeavor to inform you concerning the work being done and the conditions under which it is carried on; to call your attention, as well as that of all citizens of the town, to the inconveniences under which the pupils work, and to enumerate some improvements that must be made to make Dixfield High School what the citizens desire and expect of it.

During the spring term (1913) we had an enrollment of 24 with an average attendance of 22.32. At the end of the term we graduated two, leaving twenty-two undergraduates. All of these but two returned for the fall term.

The high school room at that time contained seats for thirty pupils and was considered sufficiently large.

The fall term opened September 16, with an enrollment of 43. This required that thirteen occupy chairs until desks could be provided. There being several unoccupied desks in the grammar school room, thirteen were transferred to the high school room and arranged as advantageously as possible, five being placed against the wall which puts the occupant in a very inconvenient position.

Some of the seats are entirely too small and in addition to that only about half of them have been fastened to the floor. During this fall term three (3) citizens visited the high school and saw the conditions.

The winter term opened with a registration of 46, two of which dropped out, leaving 44 and still one occupying a chair.

There are two other inconveniences that I must not overlook. First, in passing to the laboratory, the only recitation room we have and one in which on cold, windy days it is impossible to inhabit, and also in passing to the basement it is necessary to go through the hall occupied by the fifth grade, thus disturbing that school many times each day.

Secondly, the high school room contains forty-five or six people every day and has no system of ventilation except windows. I have done my best to keep the room ventilated, but I find that on most days it is utterly impossible.

Since it is necessary to have a room for the fifth and sixth grades, that now occupy the upper hall, where the light, heat and everything else is bad, I would suggest an addition to the building; the first floor to be occupied by the fifth and sixth grades and the second floor to be used by the high school. Something of this sort must be done or we will be obliged to give up our tuition pupils, for we cannot put the pupils of the town to any disadvantage on account of out-of-town pupils.

Now a little financial argument in favor of an addition. At the present time we have thirteen tuition pupils. Last fall we had the same number and in all probability will have the same this spring with an increase next year. That means an annual income of \$390. This would pay the interest on addition costing \$3,000 and leave a balance of \$240. Therefore, why can the town not afford to make an appropriation for an addition?

More pupils are taking advantage of the opportunity of a high school education in this town than ever before in its history.

If the tax-payers of the town want to be as progressive as the younger element of the town they cannot do differently than take action in this present annual meeting in regard to this vital question.

I might use the entire space allotted for the report giving statements of actual facts which would argue in favor of this proposed addition, but I will close with that part of my report by inviting all citizens to come and see what we are striving to do and under what conditions we are laboring.

The attendance during the fall term was 95.1 % which is good considering the distance that many of our pupils have to come.

Thus far, this winter, the attendance is better than in the fall.

The course of study is the same as last year with the introduction of General Science in the English Course for the first year.

Outside of the regular work of the classes the high school during the past year raised money by means of a drama and finished paying for a piano. At the present time another drama is being prepared, the proceeds to be used by the Senior Class for a trip to Washington. We sincerely hope that all will assist the class in this venture.

It gives me great pleasure to report the success of the high school in the prize speaking contest held at Mexico, April 11, 1913, in which Rumford, Mexico and Dixfield contested. Miss Duplisea won first prize, contesting against the best that the two larger schools could furnish. Under very adverse conditions, Miss Duplisea repeated the feat in Dixfield Feb. 6, 1914.

More interest was shown this year than for the past two years and now that the people of Dixfield have had an opportunity to witness one of the contests, interest in public speaking is running high. Next year there should be no reason why the school cannot have the required interest to make public speaking a school activity to be participated in by all.

The school is fortunate in having the services of Miss Regina Connor, who comes to us from New Hampshire State College. The work of Miss Connor is very satisfactory and her services should be retained, if possible.

The salary of assistants in high schools is astonishingly small, which accounts for the frequent changes. It is the usual thing for a grade teacher with only a Normal training to receive as much as the assistant receives. After a person has paid board and other necessary expenses, what is left of twelve dollars? The salary does not keep pace with living expenses and salaries paid in other lines of work.

The instruction of the high school pupils at the present time is costing the town \$342 per year. Instruction at the rate of  $21\frac{1}{2}$  cents per week for each child is certainly economical. I believe that under the present conditions, Dixfield can solve the problem of frequent changes without the cost being excessive.

The condition of the high school in general is conducive to growth both in quality and quantity. I believe that it is the best that it has been for the past three years.

In conclusion, let me thank you, and through you, the school board, for the support given me.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKER M. COOPER, *Principal*.

## REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

*To the Superintendent of Schools:*

I herewith submit my first report as Supervisor of Music in the Dixfield School.

The study of music is a new phase of work in the village school. The school committee thought that music should be one of the essentials of every child's education. With that idea in mind, I have endeavored to create in each individual a love for music.

All the grades were started on the same basis. In the

primary grade, there has been a remarkable change from the many monotonous to sweet and musical voices. In the upper grades, the children have worked diligently to establish in their minds the fundamentals of music. By so doing, they have been able to read readily and sing correctly.

We are in hopes of having some regular music books in the near future, which will aid us greatly in our singing.

The high school have their daily chorus singing which is led by several of the students.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation on the part of teachers and students who have taken such an interest in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

HILDA F. McCURM.

## REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER

DIXFIELD, MAINE, Jan. 1, 1914.

*To W. S. McNamara, Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Dixfield:*

SIR: I respectfully submit my annual report as truant officer for the Town of Dixfield, for the year ending January 1, 1914.

Number of cases investigated	107
Number scholars returned to school	47
Excusable absences	60

Respectfully yours,

GEORGE W. DOCKHAM,

*Truant Officer for the Town of Dixfield, Maine.*

# STATISTICAL TABLE OF ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	NAME OF TEACHER	WINTER TERM			SPRING TERM			FALL TERM		
		NO.	AVG.	PER CENT	NO.	AVG.	PER CENT	NO.	AVG.	PER CENT
High Gr. VII & VIII Gr. V & VI	Parker M. Cooper	25	22	88	24	22	93	43	41	95
	Nellie G. Davis	23	19	83	22	20	90	23	20	87
	Gladys A. Luce	23	18	80	20	18	90			
	Hilda F. McCrum							23	22	95
Gr. III & IV	Edna R. Deering	48	43	89						
	Nellie M. Gowen				46	45	97	32	30	93
Gr. I & II Lancaster Towle	Sara C. Lane	30	24	80	28	24	86	37	35	94
	Blanche L. McIntyre	8	7+	99	9	8	89	9	8	93
	Kathryn McDonald	6	5	83						
	Ruby A. Towle				8	7	87	11	9	84
Center	Ruby A. Towle	13	12	92						
	Myrtle E. Smith				20	17	85	25	21	84
Severy Hill	Mary E. Hutchins	10	9	90	9	8	89			
	Orrissa M. Rollins							7	6	85
Dunn	Aline M. Paul	8	7+	90	10	9	90			
	Vira B. Andrews							8	7	87
Torrey	Bertha M. White				10	9	90	11	10	93
Totals		194	166	85	206	187	90	229	209	91

Average for year 88 per cent

# TEACHERS' DIRECTORY, 1913-1914

NAME	ADDRESS	SCHOOL	GRADE	TRAINING	SALARY	ELECTED
W. S. McNamara	Ridlonville		Supt. of Schools	University of Maine	\$1,360.00 per yr.	1911
Parker M. Cooper	Dixfield	Central	Prin. High School	University of Maine	800.00 "	1911
Regina Connor	Dixfield	Central	Asst. High School	N. H. State College	432.00 "	1913
Nellie G. Davis	Dixfield	Central	VII & VIII Grades	Kents Hill	11.00 " wk.	1911
Hilda F. McCrum	Dixfield	Central	V & VI Grades	Gorham Normal	11.00 "	1913
Nellie M. Gowen	Dixfield	Central	III & IV Grades	Gorham Normal	10.00 "	1913
Sara C. Lane	West Peru	Central	I & II Grades	Farmington Normal	12.00 "	1908
Blanche L. McIntyre	Dixfield	Lancaster	Rural	Dixfield H. School	8.50 "	1912
Ruby A. Towle	Dixfield	Towle	Rural	Wilton Academy	8.50 "	1911
Myrtle E. Smith	E. Dixfield	Center	Rural	Wilton Academy	10.00 "	1911
Orrissa M. Rollins	N. Jay	Severy Hill	Rural	Wilton Academy	8.50 "	1913
Vira B. Andrews	Canton Point	Dunn	Rural	Edward Little H. S.	8.50 "	1913
Bertha M. White	Dixfield	Torrey	Rural	*Farmington Nor.	8.50 "	1913

\*Partial Course



# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

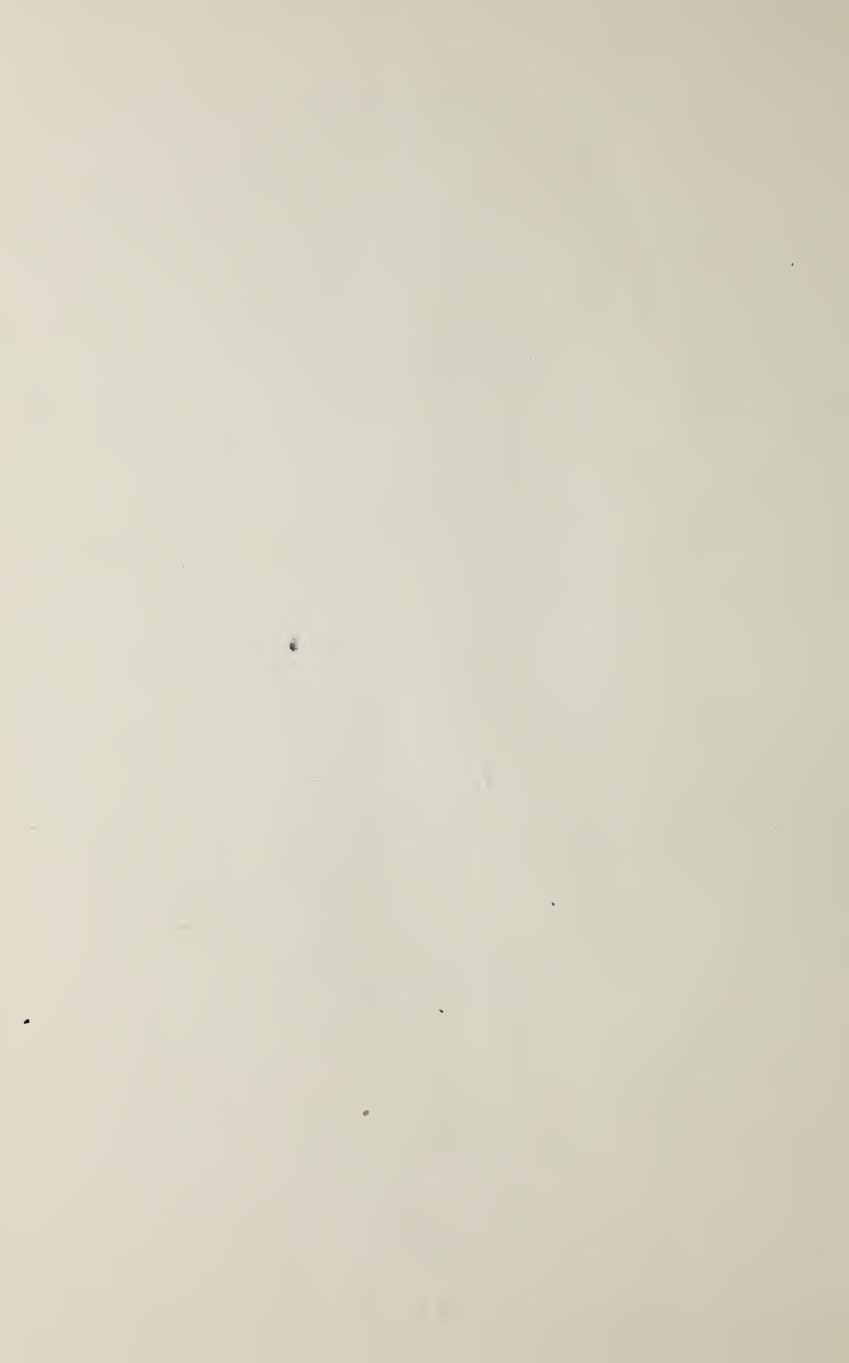
ACCOUNT	BALANCE MAR. 1, 1913	APPROPRIATED MAR. 1, 1913	RECEIVED FROM STATE	RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES	TOT. AVAIL. FUNDS	TOTAL EXPEND.	BALANCE UNEXPEND.
Common Schools	233.67	\$1,700.00	\$2,145.17	\$215.18	\$4,294.02	\$4,182.43	\$ 111.59
High School	223.38	500.00	500.00	392.00	1,615.38	1,486.99	128.39**
Books & Supplies	5.71	300.00		23.00	328.71	321.67	7.04
Repairs	83.08	100.00			183.08	182.50	.58
Laboratory	77.44				77.44	17.55	59.89
Insurance	5.00				5.00	58.50	53.50*
Superintendent	46.25	163.75			210.00	210.00	
Totals	674.53	2,763.75	2,645.17	630.18	6,713.63	6,459.64	253.99

\* Overdraft

\*\* \$60.00 due from tuition















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